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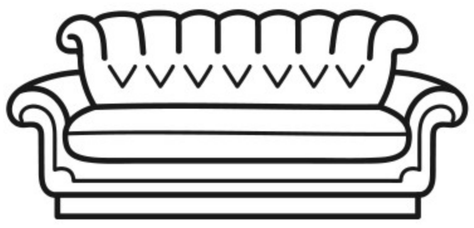

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India-Pakistan tension at its 'boiling point', says UN chief

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

A military solution is "no solution" to the India-Pakistan conflict, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Monday, calling for "maximum restraint" and offering to help in any way to bring down tensions between the two countries.

In one of his strongest such statements thus far, Mr. Guterres cautioned that both countries must avoid a military confrontation that he said could easily "spin out of control", describing the tensions since the Pahalgam attack as the "highest in years", and reaching a "boiling point".

"Now is the time for maximum restraint and stepping back from the brink," Mr. Guterres said in a statement at the UN.

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Centre directs States to hold 'civil defence' drills

Countrywide exercise to include air-raid sirens and evacuation plans; drill to begin tomorrow and continue till Friday amid escalating tension between India, Pakistan following the Pahalgam attack

Nistula Hebbar
Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry on Monday asked the States to conduct drills up to the village level in 244 categorised districts by operationalising air-raid warning signs, crash blackout measures, evacuation plans, camouflaging vital installations, establishing hotline with the Indian Air Force, and training civilians on various aspects of civil defence measures in the event of a "hostile attack."

The Directorate General of Civil Defence under the Ministry wrote to the Chief Secretaries of all States on Monday to organise a civil defence exercise and rehearsal.

The letter said "civil defence is considered integral component of nation's passive defence strategy" and it would be prudent if optimum preparedness is maintained in the "current geo-political scenario" where "new and complex threats have emerged".

The States have been asked to activate control rooms, firefighting and warden services, and undertake cleaning of bunkers and trenches among others. Bunkers are present in border villages mostly in Jammu and Kashmir to shield civilians from cross-border firing.

The mock drills will begin countrywide on Wednesday and are likely to continue till Friday, a senior government official said. Around four lakh volunteers associated with the DG, Civil Defencewill be roped in for the drill, the official told *The Hindu*.

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War footing

The drills aim at training civilians on various aspects of defence measures in the event of a 'hostile attack'

Close watch: Security personnel stationed at a marketplace in Srinagar on Monday. AFP

PREPARATORY STEPS

- Operationalising air-raid warning signs used to prepare the public when there is an 'external threat'
- Crash blackout measures similar to that conducted in Ferozepur of Punjab, bordering Pakistan, on Sunday
- States asked to undertake cleaning of bunkers and trenches prevalent in border villages

India opens dams on the Chenab before schedule

NEW DELHI
India, over the weekend, resorted to a surprise release of waters from dams in Jammu and Kashmir on Chenab river, in the first consequential water-based action taken since the announcement of keeping the Indus Waters Treaty "in abeyance". » PAGE 14

Putin dials Modi, gives full support to 'fight against terror'

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday held a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and expressed "full support" to India in the fight against terrorism.

"President Putin called PM Modi and strongly condemned the terror attack in Pahalgam. He conveyed deepest condolences on the loss of innocent lives and expressed full support to India in the fight against terrorism. He emphasised that the perpetrators of the heinous attack and their supporters must be brought to justice," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a statement. A statement from the Russian side announced that Mr. Putin described the terror attack as "barbaric" with both sides calling for an "uncompromising fight against terrorism in all its manifestations".

The leaders emphasised the strategic nature of ties between Russia and India. FILE PHOTO

"The strategic nature of Russian-Indian relations as a special privileged partnership was emphasised. These relations are not subject to external influence and continue to develop dynamically in all areas," said a statement from Kremlin.

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Committed to giving internal reservation: CM

BENGALURU
Reiterating his government's commitment to providing internal reservation for Scheduled Castes, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday launched a caste survey targeting Scheduled Castes. » PAGE 6

'Drinking water project to be ready by Dec.'

BENGALURU
Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced on Monday that the permanent drinking water supply project for the Bengaluru South district is slated for completion by this December. » PAGE 3

Israel Cabinet approves plan for Gaza 'conquest' with expansion of military

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel's security Cabinet approved the expansion of military operations in Gaza, including the "conquest" of the Palestinian territory, an official said on Monday, after the Army called up tens of thousands of reservists for the offensive.

It comes as the UN and aid organisations have repeatedly warned of the humanitarian catastrophe on the ground, with famine again looming after more than two months of a total Israeli blockade.

The plan, approved by the Cabinet overnight, includes the holding of territories in the besieged Gaza Strip, the official said, and comes amid a push by Israel for Gaza's people to leave the territory.

Children queue for food at a refugee camp in Gaza Strip on Monday. Israel's plan comes amid its push for Gazans to leave the region. AFP

Israel resumed major operations across Gaza on March 18 amid deadlock over how to proceed with a two-month ceasefire that had largely halted the war with Hamas, which was sparked by the militants' October 2023 attack.

The Israeli official said the plan for expanded operations "will include, among other things, the conquest of the Gaza Strip and the holding of the territories, moving the Gaza population south for their protection". The Cabinet, which includes Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and several Ministers, "unanimously approved" the plan aimed at defeating Gaza's rulers Hamas and securing the return of hostages held in the territory.

'Powerful strikes'

The official source said the plan included "powerful strikes against Hamas", without specifying their nature. Israeli media reported that the plan would not be implemented before U.S. President Donald Trump's visit to the region next week.

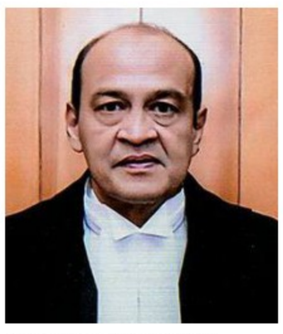
The Health Ministry in Gaza on Sunday put the overall death toll from the war at 52,535, most of them women and children.

Inquiry panel files report on cash find at judge's house

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A three-member in-house inquiry committee probing the circumstances leading to the discovery of half-burnt currency notes following a fire at the official residence of the High Court judge Justice Yashwant Varma here has submitted its confidential report to Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, the Supreme Court said in a statement issued on Monday.

The committee, comprising Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana; Justice G.S. Sandhawalia, Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh; and Justice Anu Sivaraman, judge of the High Court of Karnataka, had submitted the report dated May 3 to the CJI on Sunday.



Justice Yashwant Varma

The committee was constituted by the CJI on March 22 for an in-depth consideration of the allegations against Justice Varma following a report by the Delhi High Court Chief Justice D.K. Upadhyaya recommending a "deeper probe" into the allegations. Its inquiry forms the second stage of the in-house inquiry procedure.

Multiple options

The CJI, who is scheduled to retire on May 13, has multiple options and very little time left in his tenure. The CJI could agree to the registration of an FIR and setting criminal action against the judge into motion, refer the report to Parliament for removal of the judge in case of incriminating evidence found against him, or drop the allegation if nothing serious was found against the judge.

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Sonu Nigam apologises

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After facing backlash for his remarks at a concert in Bengaluru recently, singer Sonu Nigam on Sunday took to social media to apologise. "Sorry Karnataka. My love for you is bigger than my ego. Love you always," he said.

The genesis of the controversy was a statement by Mr. Nigam at the concert, when he told a fan who demanded that he sing a Kannada song, that it was "such an attitude" that leads to incidents like Pahalgam.

The comparison of a fan's demand to terror attack had caused outrage.

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Across the aisle: Both singles and doubles tennis need to treated equally. FILE PHOTO: R. RAGU

Why India's doubles stars deserve more respect and recognition

Top players like Bopanna and Bhambri feel that their achievements should not be underappreciated, whether or not there is success in singles

Kamesh Srinivasan

Indian tennis is healthy. There are Indian players competing at all levels - from the $15,000 tournaments on the professional circuit, to the ATP tournaments to the prestigious Masters events all the way up to the Grand Slam tournaments. Week in and week out there are Indians competing in the business end of competitions across the world, fighting against the best in the business.

There are nearly a dozen Indian players in the top-200 of world doubles rankings and five of them are in the top-100. Behind Rohan Bopanna, Yuki Bhambri and Sriram Balaji are 24-year-old Rithvik Bollipalli (76) and the 26-year-old Anirudh Chandrasekar (99), who have a bright prospect of making a mark at the Slam level.

There is understandable anguish among tennis fans that India has only three players in the top-500 of singles. But doubles stars feel it is unfair to pit singles against doubles, and that they should complement each other.

"Whether singles or doubles, all of us need the tournaments at home to build the foundation in our professional career," said Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, World No. 110 in doubles. "Yes, the leading doubles players compete all over the world. But even for singles, we do have players like Manas Dhamne, Aryan Shah, Karan Singh and Manish Sureshkumar to gain from the exposure. We all need more tournaments at all possible levels," Jeevan added.

Trendsetter

When Mahesh Bhupathi won the French Open mixed doubles title with Rika Hiraki of Japan in 1997, the first Grand Slam title for India, it was hailed as the big breakthrough. Leander Paes and Bhupathi, and later Sania Mirza and Rohan Bopanna, won dozens of doubles titles between them on the biggest stages at Wimbledon, Melbourne, Paris and New York, making everyone proud.

Bopanna and Sania were a set away from bagging an Olympic medal in Rio in 2016. It was Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale who won the mixed doubles gold in the last Asian Games in Hangzhou.

"There is no doubt that we need to strengthen our singles pipeline, but the repeated framing of doubles success as lesser or secondary is not only misleading, it is deeply disrespectful to the athletes who have carried India's name on the global tennis stage," said Bopanna, who won the admiration of the tennis fraternity across the globe last year by becoming the doubles World No. 1 at 44.

"Let us be clear. Doubles is not a fallback. It is not a retirement plan. It is a different, highly tactical discipline that requires an equal amount of fitness, travel, training and mental resilience. India has had nine players in the top-150 in the world in doubles, and this is not a fluke. It reflects sustained hard work and excellence," Bopanna added.

Bopanna stressed that the bigger question was not about more Indians succeeding in doubles, but why India had not built a system yet that allowed singles players to thrive.

"You need funding beyond the junior level and transition support for 18 to 25-year-olds. You need structured competition calendars within India, professional coaching, sports science and long-term planning," he said.

Yuki Bhambri, who was once ranked as high as No. 83 in singles before switching to doubles because of injuries, credited the Doubles Dream of India project for the improvement in the fortunes of doubles players.

"The current number of Indian players in the top-100 and 150 has not been the norm," he said. "It is a more recent phenomenon. It is in no small part due to the Doubles Dream project that has been providing us access to coaches, trainers and other resources.

"This access was previously not available. The recent increase in the number of players performing and the improvement in results is driven by support and hard work. It is not an indication of doubles being easy or unimportant," added Bhambri, who is now India's doubles No. 2 behind Bopanna.

Bhambri, in fact, had displayed his doubles potential way back in 2014 when he made the third round of the Australian Open with Michael Venus of New Zealand. He was not swayed then to switch, for he knew his singles potential well.

"There is no doubt that singles tennis gets more eyeballs and money. No one is denying that," Bhambri stated. "I don't fault anyone for having personal preference or wanting to see more names in pro singles. But do we really have the infrastructure to support players, in line with such expectations?

"The majority of my career has been in singles. I have switched to doubles relatively recently. I can assure you that the players in doubles are putting in the same hard work. It is a different skillset that is needed for doubles to perform consistently. It is not just "singles lite".

"We need to celebrate the wins when we are getting them, and support the players when we have them. We can safely say that Paes, Bhupathi, Sania and Bopanna have made the country extremely proud," Bhambri added.

Sriram Balaji, who at 35 has risen to No. 68 in the doubles rankings and played the Paris Olympics alongside Bopanna, said that his work ethic has remained the same, whether it was singles or doubles.

"My dedication and work ethic have remained consistent throughout my career. The only difference now is that with age, my training methods have evolved. But the time and effort I invest remain unchanged," said Balaji.

"We did have a period when we had about a dozen players in the top-500 of singles. There was no support from the system then. Now we have only three in the top-500 and the lack of support has remained the same! We need a structured system led by well-educated coaches who can guide not only the players but also the parents," said Balaji.

Long ago, in a discussion about balancing his singles and doubles careers, when he was extremely good in both, Bhupathi made a point by saying: "going for a Challenger for singles instead of competing in a big event in doubles is like taking a pay-cut".

Professional players do play for monetary gain, but Jeevan pointed out that "everyone starts to play the game not for the money, but because of passion".

"A singles player ranked 300 in the world often struggles to break even with travel, coaching, equipment and physio costs," Bopanna said. "In contrast, a doubles player ranked in the top-75 can build a sustainable career while still representing the country at the highest levels."

It may be noted that the four big stars - Paes, Bhupathi, Sania and Bopanna have together won about $30 million in prize money. In contrast, the singles-only specialists Somdev Devvarman and Prajnesh Gunneswaran won about $2.5 million between them. Sumit Nagal has won about $1.5 million in prize money so far.

While Sasikumar Mukund has won $246,264 for his toil over the years around the world, both Balaji and Jeevan have won about a million dollars between them. Bhambri has won about $1.7 million so far and Ramkumar Ramanathan about $1.3 million. In the upper echelons of the game, Devvarman had a 62-81 win-loss record. Prajnesh was 11-28 and Nagal has a 15-38 record so far.

Sky high

Compare that with the 528-395 win-loss record for Bopanna in doubles. Paes was 770-457, Bhupathi 687-364 and Sania 536-248 on the Tour. They were on court for long, competing hard at the highest levels for higher rewards.

"When you pick up a tennis racquet, the motivation is always to compete at the highest level," observed Jeevan. "While passion is the spark that gets you started and keeps you glued to the game, it is the urge to compete in the Grand Slams that makes you train hard, and drives you through all the struggles.

"Within the constraints of our system, we have found a pathway to do that in doubles. I want to compete in Wimbledon and the Grand Slams. No point in burning all the resources and playing in just about the entry-level events all your life just because you want to prove your singles prowess," Jeevan added.

"Doubles has given me the opportunity to redefine my career and not let an injury bring it to a halt," said Bhambri. "I am extremely grateful for the support of KPIT, Roundglass and the mentorship of Rohan.

"We are all hoping for increased support and better results in both singles and doubles. Let us hope that we all level up, and put in the hard work towards that goal. Consistent results require infrastructure, support and hard work in any format," Bhambri added.

"It is time we stop pitting singles and doubles against each other," said Bopanna. "Both are valid, elite disciplines. And both can and should coexist in a strong tennis ecosystem. Let us lift the conversation. Let us build solutions. And let us stop undermining the very athletes who are bringing India results," said Bopanna, as he signed off.

Two to tango: For a healthy tennis ecosystem, both singles and doubles have to thrive. FILE PHOTO: SANDEEP SAXENA

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- Doubles is neither a fallback or a retirement plan, and India having nine players in the top-150 is not a fluke, feels Bopanna
- According to Bhambri, doubles needs a different skillset to perform consistently and it is not "singles lite"
- The urge to compete in Grand Slams primarily drives a player, and if doubles enables that so be it, says Jeevan
- Sriram Balaji opines that the dedication and work-ethic required to excel in doubles are the same as in singles

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GP Mains exam paper leaked, say candidates

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There are allegations that during the Gazetted Probationers Mains Examination conducted by the Karnataka Public Services Commission (KPSC) across the State on Monday, the question paper was leaked at an examination centre in Bengaluru before the exam.

Candidates alleged that the seal of the question paper bundle was opened before it was brought to the BBMP Composite PU College examination centre in Kasturba Nagar, Bengaluru.

'KPSC officials assaulted candidates'

Candidates have also alleged that KPSC officials assaulted the candidates who questioned them about the seal of the question paper bundle being opened before the exam started at the centre.

Before opening the bundle, signatures have to be obtained from candidates. However, at this particular centre, candidates allegedly found the seal already opened when presented to them for their signature. They objected to this and demanded that KPSC officials be intimated, failing which they would boycott the exams. However, the issue was brought to the notice of the principal of the college and the students wrote the exam.

After the exam, the candidates insisted that it be recorded that the question paper bundle was opened prior to being brought to the centre. This allegedly led to a war of words with KPSC officials at the centre. Finally, the supervisor of the centre, wrote in the affidavit, that the bundle had arrived open.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly R. Ashok criticised the State government for "its inability to conduct KPSC exams without any goof-ups".

Wife of IPS officer accuses man of sexual harassment at IPL match

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Cubbon Park police have registered an FIR against unknown persons for allegedly sexually harassing the daughter and wife of a senior IPS officer during an IPL cricket match at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on May 3.

The complainant, Nitu Thakur, a professor at a private college, had gone to the stadium to watch the match with her family.

While they were sitting in the Diamond Box, a couple, one of whom is also a senior Union government employee, had an argument with Nitu Thakur's 26-year-old daughter over a trivial issue, the complaint stated. The man not only made unwelcome physical contact but intruded her privacy, Ms. Thakur alleged. The entire incident was captured on mobile phone by the complainant's son.

Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case charging the accused under 351(1) (criminal intimidation), 352 (intentional insult with the intent to provoke a breach of peace), 75(1) (sexual harassment), 79 (criminalized acts intended to insult a woman's modesty) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

Results for UG medical courses up by 5.06%

The Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences has achieved a result of 87.49% for 2024-25, as against 82.43% for 2023-24

RGUHS CONVOCATION

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The results for undergraduate medical courses at Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) for the academic year 2024-25 have seen an increase of 5.06% compared to the previous year. RGUHS has achieved a result of 87.49% for 2024-25, as against 82.43% for 2023-24.

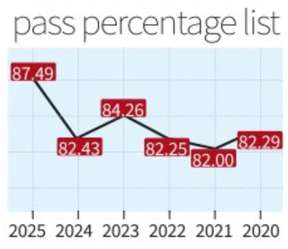
Bhagavan B.C., Vice Chancellor, RGUHS, attributed the steady increase in results over the past few years to changes in the curriculum and effective implementation of the teachers' training programme.

Better teaching methodology

Dr. Bhagavan said that the teaching methodology has been constantly evolving with time and this was being implemented through the teachers' training programme very effectively from the university's side regularly.

"Regular interactions and micro teaching, group teaching, implementation of learning management system after the pandemic have helped students. We have come out with competency-based medical education as well," he said.

He further said that the university has been effectively providing question papers online and implemented an online evaluation system. We have the best e-journals that the students can access anywhere on the campus. "All these things have had an impact on the results," he said.



This year also girls have grabbed the highest number of gold medals. A total of 93 students have shared 109 gold medals and among these 72 are girls and only 21 are boys.

Among the 63,982 eligible candidates, 54,517 candidates in undergraduate courses, 8,588 in postgraduate courses, 82 in PhD, 265 in super speciality courses, 6 in postgraduate diploma courses, 515 in fellowships and 9 in certificate course will receive their degrees at the 27th annual convocation of RGUHS, on Tuesday.

Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of the University Thaawarchand Gehlot will be presiding over the convocation and confer degrees to the students. Azim Premji, Chairman of Azim Premji Foundation and Founder Chairman of Wipro Ltd., will be the chief guest and will deliver the convocation address.

Honorary Doctorates

An eminent Genetics and Evolution specialist Hombe Gowda Sharat Chandra, Oral and Maxillofacial (OMF) surgeon Girish Rao, Neurologist G.T. Subhas will be conferred honorary doctorate degree at the convocation.

With 6 gold medals, Girish B.S. emerges State topper

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Girish B.S., a student of Pharma-D from PES College of Pharmacy, Bengaluru, emerged as the topper at the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) this year, with six gold medals.

From Bugudanahalli village of Tumakuru district, Dr. Girish was inspired to become a doctor in pharmacy while watching his mother struggle in the hospital with hypertension and diabetes, he said.

Mother's condition

"There were co-morbidities, and the doctors were giving her so many drugs because they were clueless and unable to diagnose her properly," he recalls, further noting that the doctors were often rude when they asked them to clarify their diagnosis. "So I wanted to find out how diseases are treated and be able to diagnose people efficiently. That's why I decided to join the Pharm-D course," said Dr. Girish, who lost his mother in the first year of his course.

Girish B.S.

Gannyashree

Prakruthi C. Pateel

Aleena Jose

The son of a small business firm owner, Dr. Girish said he was focused while he was studying and prepared his own notes. Currently working at Tata Memorial Hospital, he says that he is able to see the fruits of his labour there.

"In college, we are given a general notion that Pharm-D graduates don't have any respect, since they are below doctors. But I can say that's not true, because when I go for ward rounds every morning, the doctor always consults me before changing doses, to ensure that it will not cause any complications to the patients." He also observed that it is important that pharmacists are well-informed in order to earn respect in their field.

Gannyashree, a student of SDM College of Naturopathy and Yogic Science, Ujire, has got four gold medals in the AYUSH course. Prakruthi C. Pateel of Sharavathi Dental College, Shivamogga, in Bachelors in Dental Sciences course, and Aleena Jose of Nightingale College of Nursing, Bengaluru, have got three gold medals in B.Sc. Nursing course, respectively.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Dr. Gannyashree said, "Since we don't use too many medicines and there are no surgeries, I was interested to see how effectively we can help people."

From Mangaluru, Dr. Gannyashree says that in the medical field, studying was never limited to scoring marks, but to be applied in practical life.

Dr. Pateel, from Shivamogga, was influenced by her parents, both of whom are dentists. She said seeing her parents work, inspired her to also pursue dentistry. "Dentistry is a subject that's constantly evolving. I focused a lot on the recent advancements too," she says.

From a farming family

Dr. Jose believes she owes her success to both her parents and her teachers. "I come from a very hard-working family. My mother works in a bakery, and my father is a farmer in Ellukochi, Kerala. He kept encouraging us to study hard and fight for what we wanted. He was a rubber farmer. He would go out at 3 a.m. in the morning and work till noon every day. I learnt how to work hard from him," he said.

Varsity to function out of Ramanagara campus from March 2026

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BENGALURU

All the administrative and educational activities of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) will be carried out from the Ramanagara campus from March 2026, said Bhagavan B.C., Vice-Chancellor of the university.

Speaking at a press conference on Monday he said that the construction work of the university buildings is in full swing. "Work on the administration building and medical college will be completed by March 2026. After that, all the departments of the university will be shifted to the new campus immediately," he said.

"The construction costs up to ₹600 crore. Of this ₹300 crore has already been released. Currently, 30% of the work is complete and the contractor has been instructed to complete the work by the end of December 2025. However, there was confusion regarding the issue of acquiring land from farmers. This led to some delay and now we are working to a deadline of March, 2026. The government has resolved the problem," he said.

"RGUHS is in good financial condition. We are a self-sustained university and do not receive any funds from the State government. We are running the university solely from student and college affiliation fees. Currently, the university has a fund of ₹1,600 crore in its account," he said.

Study reveals how lion-tailed macaque strategically uses its habitat amidst increasing human pressures

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

In a new study, the Bengaluru-based Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS) has shed light on how the endangered and endemic lion-tailed macaque (Macaca silenus) selectively and strategically uses its habitat in response to increasing human pressures.

The study titled 'Highs and lows of arboreal life: Space use and movement strategies of lion-tailed macaques (Macaca silenus) in the Western Ghats of India' conducted in the Silent Valley National Park highlights how differences in forest management and human presence can shape animal behavior even within protected areas with similar forest structure.

A curious mama: A lion-tailed macaque with its infant at Valparai in Western Ghats. Only about 4,000 of them remain. M. PERIASAMY

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Fewer than 4,000

The lion-tailed macaque is found only in the Western Ghats with fewer than 4,000 individuals remaining and the Silent Valley National Park is a stronghold for its conservation.

In the study led by Sikha Hariharan, a Doctoral Fellow at CWS, researchers examined spatial ecology and movement-based habitat selection of two lion-tailed macaque troops living in areas with differing levels of human presence within the boundaries of the park. The CWS scientists tracked two troops of macaques, one in the boundary or buffer zone and another in the core zone of the National Park.

They combined GPS tracking, vertical space use assessment, and advanced movement modelling to study how the macaques utilised the space around them, both high in the canopy and across the forest floor, one in the boundary or buffer zone and another in the core zone.

The CWS said that the study troop living in the buffer of the protected area maintained a smaller home range and spent nearly all the time (94.2%) in the mid-level forest canopy.

"Their avoidance of the lowest forest strata suggests a strategic response to ecological factors and increased risks from humans, predators, or other disturbance. In contrast, the interior troops showed greater use of the forest floor with large parties descending to the ground and occupied a much larger home range," the CWS said.

Ecological flexibility

It added that while both troops spent the majority of their time mid-canopy, the more terrestrial behavior of the core-area, interior forest troop highlights a level of ecological flexibility not previously attributed to this species, which has long been considered strictly arboreal. The macaques also demonstrated consistent patterns in their use of space near key resources such as fruiting trees and dense canopy patches.

Ms. Hariharan said that an animal's movement reflects how it perceives its environment and balances food, safety, and survival, and is usually the first visible indicator of any response to changes around them.

Understanding risk

"While terrestriality or usage of the ground was only attributed to macaque populations in degraded habitats, our study found that even in the absence of disturbances, the macaques routinely explore and use the forest floor. However, these also have their risks in terms of exposure to threats, so it is essential to prioritize continuous canopy connectivity, and even more critical to incorporate three-dimensional space use in wildlife conservation planning," Ms. Hariharan said.

Draft rules on obtaining prior permission for felling 50 or more trees, says Khandre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar B. Khandre, has instructed the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) of the Forest Department to draft new rules mandating prior departmental approval for the felling of over 50 trees for any development activity.

The directive follows BBMP recent decision to allow the cutting of 368 trees for a commercial project in the Cantonment Railway Colony. The Minister's move came in response to a letter from former MLA A.T. Ramaswamy on April 29.

The BBMP had issued a public notice inviting objections to the proposed felling, which is being sought by the Rail Land Development Authority, under the Ministry of Railways. The trees are to be felled as part of a commercial redevelopment initiative.

According to the BBMP notice dated April 25, the 368 trees are located across a vast area within the cantonment premises. Information about the species and their precise locations has been made available on the BBMP website. Citizens were given 10 days from the date of publication to submit objections or suggestions through email, post, or hand delivery. The proposal has sparked public opposition, with several residents voicing concern over the ecological impact of the move.

BBMP Administrator directs officials to stay prepared for monsoon

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As the monsoon is nearing, Additional Chief Secretary of the Urban Development Department and Administrator of the BBMP Tushar Giri Nath has directed officials to remain alert and proactive during the rainy season to prevent flooding and manage rain-related disasters effectively.

At a multi-departmental review meeting at Vikas Soudha, Mr. Giri Nath emphasised the need for coordinated preventive action.

209 flood-prone areas

Bengaluru has identified 209 flood-prone areas, of which 166 have already seen mitigation efforts. Zonal Commissioners have been tasked to personally inspect the remaining 43 vulnerable locations and implement solutions.

He instructed departments such as BMRCL, K-RIDE, and KPTCL to prepare and submit a list of works to be carried out immediately. These departments must complete the work before heavy rains begin.

Tushar Giri Nath

March surveys revealed 82 locations prone to water stagnation on key city roads. BBMP engineers have been directed to clean roadside drains based on the traffic police's report and ensure smooth traffic flow.

With 20 fire stations and one SDRF unit active in Bengaluru, Mr. Giri Nath urged zonal commissioners to maintain direct communication with them throughout the monsoon. He also mandated maintaining a contact list of fire personnel.

Control rooms

Mr. Giri Nath said to streamline disaster coordination, nine permanent control rooms (8 zonal, 1 central) and 63 sub-divisional centers will operate round the clock. WhatsApp groups involving officials from BBMP, BESCOM, BWSSB, and others will facilitate real-time problem-solving.

The city's 175 km of primary stormwater drains must be maintained annually, and a list of ongoing works was requested for accelerated completion during the meeting.

The traffic police have identified 647 potholes; 323 have been filled, while 239 are being filled. BBMP clarified that 90 potholes fall under other departments and five roads are outside its jurisdiction.

India's Forest Rights Act stands apart from exclusionary laws globally

Most of the world's biodiverse regions are in places indigenous communities have traditionally lived and governed; they have protected biodiversity and nurtured it while being nurtured in return; laws that secure their tenure and recognise their rights can thus strengthen traditional governance

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An adivasi farmer fires dry paddy at her farm in Payarghodi village near Dang district in Gujarat. FILE PHOTO

In many parts of the world, conservation laws and policies are becoming more exclusionary. They are disenfranchising local communities and indigenous people, disregarding their rights and role in conservation, and allowing the state as well as private interests to exploit resources.

Conservation science and its legal frameworks are rooted in colonial ideas, and define nature as "pristine" and untouched by humans. When wielding this approach – often called the fortress model – exclusive spaces called "protected areas" are created, where conservation is implemented with centralised state control, criminalising indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) as encroachers.

Researchers have found that the fortress conservation model has displaced 10 to 20 million people around the world by separating their lives, livelihoods, and cultures from landscapes cordoned off as protected areas. While global conservation legislation is fairly recent, the role of IPLCs like the Masai and Ogiek in Kenya, the Batwa in Uganda, the Ashaninka in Peru, and Adivasis in India is well-documented. Most of the world's biodiverse regions are in places where these communities have traditionally lived and governed.

This is no coincidence: IPLCs have been custodians of local biodiversity, protecting it against being exploited and nurturing it while being nurtured in return. In turn, laws that secure IPLCs' tenure and recognise their rights can strengthen traditional governance systems used to sustainably manage their lands.

Conservation with laws

In the prevailing global scenario, laws are crucial to facilitate conservation. The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is the largest international legal instrument from which many conservation and biodiversity-related multilateral treaties and legal frameworks have emerged. First presented at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, 196 countries are party to the CBD today, with their national legal frameworks being guided by the CBD-framework. The CBD's main objectives are conservation, sustainable use, and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits of biodiversity, including landscapes, species, and genetic resources.

India, one of the world's 17 megadiverse countries, is a signatory to the CBD and has a rich history of community-led environmental protection and conservation campaigns. It enacted the Biological Diversity Act (BDA) in 2002 to implement the objectives of the CBD. The Act provides for a three-tier institutional system: the National Biodiversity Authority is at the Centre and the State Biodiversity Boards and the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) operate at the local level, to promote the conservation of local plants, animals, and habitats including documenting biodiversity-related traditional knowledge.

While attempts have been made to include communities in conservation through programmes such as Joint Forest Management, broader forest and resource laws have historically denied Adivasi and other traditional communities their access to forests and criminalised their rights, leading to large-scale dispossession. India formalised the protected-area model under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 and Project Tiger in 1973. As of February 2025, the country has already notified 1,134 protected areas with 58 tiger reserves. Experts have recorded at least six lakh people displaced in this manner as a result.

Then, in 2006, Parliament passed the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, or FRA, in a critical turning point in Indian legislation. The FRA linked the recognition of the rights of forest dwellers and Adivasis with the governance, management, and conservation of forests, natural resources, and biodiversity. To achieve this, the Act provides a framework for democratic, decentralised governance and management by vesting institutional authority in village-level gram sabhas.

IPLCs and conservation

At present, many international legislative institutions are recognising the crucial role indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) play in biodiversity conservation. Indeed, IPLCs have been campaigning to have their rights recognised at international meetings of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (the climate COP) and of the CBD.

Since 1992, the CBD has urged countries to "respect, preserve and maintain knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity" through Article 8(j). Many protocols, working groups and subcommittees have been set up over the years to realise the Article's vision – to ensure governments recognise IPLC rights – but progress has been slow.

In 2007, the UN passed its Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to address the discrimination IPLCs face throughout the world and to emphasise their right to "maintain and strengthen their own institutions, cultures and traditions."

The Indian constitution

India voted in favour of this Declaration in 2007 yet the government has refrained from using the term and concept of "indigenous peoples" in its own laws, claiming all Indians are indigenous. However, the Indian constitution recognises Scheduled Tribe groups and provides an advanced framework to recognise and protect their rights. The Constitution also includes provisions related to Scheduled and Tribal Areas with Articles 244 and 244A. The 2011 Census reported that Adivasis numbered around 104 million, then 8.6% of the Indian population- effectively the world's largest population of indigenous people in a single country.

Over the years, the government has also advanced this constitutional framework by enacting parliamentary legislations, including the Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas), or PESA, Act 1996 and the FRA 2006.

In fact, the FRA is arguably one of the most advanced legal frameworks in the world: it legally recognises the relationships between tenure security, rights of forest dependent communities, and biodiversity conservation and creates democratic mechanisms to strengthen these bonds. The Act also recognises that adivasis and other traditional forest dwellers, have suffered historical injustice.

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), which CBD signatories adopted at their COP-15 summit in 2022 in Canada, seeks to integrate and ensure equitable representation of IPLCs and their traditional knowledge in the implementation of the framework. The KMGBF envisions a world living in harmony with nature with a list of 23 targets to achieve it.

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An important one is titled '30 by 30,' i.e. countries committing to bring 30% of the world's land and marine areas under their protection by 2030. The targets also mention consultation and inclusion of IPLCs, their cultural practices, and their traditional knowledge.

The FRA, on the other hand, adopts a more nuanced approach to conserving biodiversity. Of the 13 kinds of rights recognised under the Act, two are especially important in the present context: "right of access to biodiversity and community, right to intellectual property and traditional knowledge related to biodiversity, and cultural diversity," and "right to protect, regenerate, or conserve or manage any community forest resource that they have been traditionally protecting and conserving for sustainable use."

The situation in 2025

In November, the CBD's COP-16 summit established a permanent subsidiary body for IPLCs and also adopted a programme of work on Article 8(j). This body made the CBD the only UN Convention with a dedicated platform to implement the rights of IPLCs.

India also came up with a list of 23 targets under its updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAPs) that it aims to achieve by 2030. While these targets include protecting the rights of local communities and conserving biodiversity, the plan itself banks on existing institutional frameworks. Even though updated NBSAPs emphasise a paradigm shift towards a bottoms-up governance approach – as in the FRA – it excessively favours State forest departments and State-led conservation measures over decentralised approaches.

The implementation of the updated NBSAPs rely significantly on the BMCs (which have yet to become fully functional). It's not clear how the NBSAPs will build synergy between the different governance approaches.

Thus, for all these international victories, the struggle for the rights of IPLCs in conservation approaches is far from over. The premise of the '30 by 30' agenda itself jeopardises these rights because it promotes the idea that simply expanding protected areas will arrest biodiversity loss.

Beyond protected areas

The KMGBF makes provisions to move beyond protected areas through its "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECMs). India plans to notify the OECM guidelines soon. Some experts have expressed optimism that this is an opportunity to involve communities in conservation.

Each OECM is to be identified by four features: shouldn't already be a protected area; is already governed and managed by governments, private entities or IPLCs; makes sustainable efforts to conserve biodiversity; and protects ecosystem functions as well as cultural, socio-economic, etc. values.

But without proper checks and legal recognition of rights, OECMs can become tools of exploitation – just the way the CBD and the BDA are designed to "monetise" nature in a way that accrues benefits to IPLCs yet renders biodiversity and traditional knowledge vulnerable to being exploited for corporate interests. It therefore behooves the BDA framework to strengthen the existing FRA framework.

Indeed, the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs stressed in its response to the draft Biodiversity Rules 2024 (dated April 10, 2024): that instead of creating new mechanisms to manage resources and biodiversity, the government should combine them with the gram-sabha-led community forest resource management systems under FRA. It also asks that before declaring any biodiversity heritage sites, the government must ensure it has completed the process of settling forest dwellers rights under the FRA and received the prior informed consent of respective gram sabhas.

Research estimates that FRA has the potential to protect at least 4 crore ha of forest land, including existing protected areas. To enable it to do so without also dispossessing the stewards of this land, other laws and policies must comply with the FRA.

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The fallibilities of green energy resources were exposed by the massive outage in Spain and Portugal. REUTERS

Spain blackout highlights the grid challenge for renewables

Agence France Presse

The cause of last week's massive power outage in Spain and Portugal remains unclear, but it has shone a spotlight on solar and wind energy, which critics accuse of straining electricity grids.

The rise of renewables presents a challenge for power grids, which must evolve to adapt as countries move away from fossil fuels.

Grid operators must ensure that electricity is constantly balanced between demand and supply.

A metric of this balance is the frequency of the electricity flowing through the grid, set at 50 Hz in Europe and 60 Hz in the US. If that number drifts too far off, it can jeopardise the grid.

Historically, the electricity system has relied on conventional power plants – gas, coal, nuclear, and hydroelectric – that use spinning turbines to generate electricity. These machines keep the frequency stable.

If a power plant fails or if electricity demand increases too quickly, they help stabilise the grid by releasing the kinetic energy stored in their rotors.

Instead of spinning machines, solar and wind farms use electronic systems that feed power into the grid, making it harder to maintain that delicate balance.

Renewable energy will have to do more than provide carbon-free electricity in the future, said Jose Luis Dominguez-Garcia, an electrical systems expert at the Catalonia Energy Research Institute.

When the wind stops or the sun is hiding, other sources have to step in within minutes, or there need to be adequate systems for storing and then releasing renewable energy in place

They will have to "assist the system with additional controls to support the grid, particularly in inertia terms," he said.

Marc Petit, professor of electrical systems at top French engineering school CentraleSupelec, argued that moving away from fossil fuels would make hydroelectric and nuclear power plants "even more essential for stabilising the system" as they use rotating machines.

A range of technical solutions already exists to compensate for renewables' lack of inertia and hence to support grid stability. These include gravity storage, cryogenic liquid air, compressed air, and concentrated solar power.

As it undergoes a transition away from coal, Britain is banking on flywheels, a tried and tested system. Surplus power from solar and wind farms is used to make the large wheels turn, creating kinetic energy. This stored energy can then be converted to provide electricity to the grid if needed.

Just before the massive blackout on April 28, wind and solar power provided 70% of Spain's electricity output. But renewables are intermittent sources of energy as they rely on nature.

When the wind stops blowing or the sun is hiding, other sources have to step in within minutes, or there need to be adequate systems for storing and then releasing renewable energy in place.

Depending on the country, backup supply currently comes from mainly thermal power plants, nuclear reactors, or hydroelectricity. To handle the ups and downs of renewable power, countries must ramp up storage capacity. The most widespread method is pumped storage hydropower from water reservoirs.

But large stationary batteries, akin to shipping containers, are increasingly being deployed alongside wind and solar farms – a segment dominated by China.

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‘Sorry Karnataka’: Hours after justifying comments, Sonu Nigam issues apology

Earlier, the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce had announced that the singer will not be invited for Kannada film events

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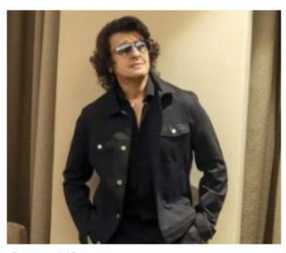
BENGALURU

Playback singer Sonu Nigam late on Monday issued an apology following the controversy related to his recent concert in Bengaluru. Hours after justifying his remarks through a post on social media, the playback singer put up another post to apologise to the people of Karnataka.

Sonu had faced backlash when he lost his cool at a fan who demanded he sing a Kannada song during his concert in Bengaluru recently, and had said, “This is the reason why incidents like Pahalgam take place... For such attitude.” Comparing the fan demanding a Kannada song to terror attack had caused outrage.

On Monday night he said on his social media handle, “Sorry Karnataka. My love for you is bigger than my ego. Love you always.”

However, in his first post earlier on Monday, Sonu


Sonu Nigam

had said that he was “entitled to take offence” by the incident. “I am not a young lad to take humiliation from anyone,” he had written. Throughout the controversy, Sonu has maintained that he felt threatened by “4-5 thugs” who demanded he sing Kannada songs during his concert.

“I am 51-years-old, in the second half of my life and I am entitled to take offence for someone as young as my son for threatening me directly in front of thousands in the name of language, that too Kannada, which is my second language when it comes to my work, that too right after my first song of the concert! He provoked a few more. Their own people were embarrassed and were asking them to shut up,” Sonu wrote.

Ban on the singer?

Before his apology, the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) decided to be “non-cooperative” with the singer. “Sonu Nigam will not be invited for any Kannada film-related events. We have written to the Police Commissioner’s office to not permit any Sonu Nigam concert in Bengaluru,” said M. Narasimhalu, chairman, KFCC, during a press conference.

Narasimhalu added that there has been no step taken to ban the singer from the Kannada film industry yet. “The chamber will have a meeting with audio labels, producers, music directors, singers and directors to discuss the issue.”

Producer Uday K. Mehta, who was at the press conference, slammed Sonu Nigam’s remarks. “He has received immense love from the people of Karnataka. He has hurt them all with his words. Nobody with a stable mind will compare a request for a song to a terror attack,” Mr. Mehta told *The Hindu*.

Bengaluru police summon singer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following an FIR filed against popular singer Sonu Nigam, the Avalahalli police on Monday issued him a notice to appear before them for questioning.

Sonu Nigam has been booked for making an objectionable statement during a music concert at an engineering college in Bengaluru on April 25, when a group of audience demanded that he sing Kannada songs. Nigam compared the demand to recent Pahalgam attack which did not have any correlation, hurting the sentiments of the people of Karnataka, C.K. Baba, SP, Bengaluru Rural district said.

Based on the complaint by a Kannada activist, the Avalahalli police charged Sonu Nigam under Sections 351 and 352 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. Considering the gravity of the case, an inspector has been assigned as the Investigation Officer. The college management has also been summoned for questioning. CCTV footage has been obtained and verified for the probe, Mr. Baba said.

The police are also considering giving a list of dos and don’ts for such events to avoid controversies in the future.

‘Permanent drinking water project to be completed by Dec.’

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BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced on Monday that the long-awaited permanent drinking water supply project for the Bengaluru South district is slated for completion by December 2025.

Talking to reporters after the foundation stone laying ceremony near the Sattegala reservoir, Mr. Shivakumar reaffirmed the government’s commitment to delivering on a poll promise made during the Channapatna byelections.

The ₹540-crore project aims to provide drinking water to the parched taluks of Ramanagara, Kanakapura, Channapatna, and Magadi – regions grappling with persistent water scarcity and erratic rainfall. “We are supplying 3.3 tmcft of water at a nominal cost. This project was conceptualised during my earlier tenure as Water Resources Minister. Today, I reviewed the progress and enquired about the reasons for delay,” said Mr. Shivakumar.

Mr. Shivakumar held discussions with officials and representatives of Megha Engineering, the Hyderabad-based firm implementing the project, and emphasised timely completion. Responding to concerns about land acquisition, he assured fair compensation to farmers whose land is notified for acquisition.

Resolve Hebbal land issues via talks, BMRCL, KIADB told

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday chaired a high-level meeting to discuss a 45-acre plot in Hebbal in Bengaluru, demanded by the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) for the development of a multi-modal transport hub and two metro stations.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Industries Minister M.B. Patil at a meeting in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

At the meeting, Mr. Shivakumar asked officials of both Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) and BMRCL to hold talks and mutually resolve the issue by paying compensation to those who owned the land.

BMRCL submitted a formal request for the land, which is under the control of the KIADB. The KIADB acquired the land for a private developer. The BMRCL had proposed compensating affected landowners as per the latest land acquisition norms. However, delay in handing over the land has stalled progress on the metro project.

Minister for Industries M.B. Patil and BMRCL Managing Director Maheshwar Rao, along with senior government officials, attended the meeting.

3 policemen held for cheating medical shop owner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch officials on Monday arrested three policemen, including a suspended constable from Davangere, who lured a city-based medical shop owner by promising to get back money he lost in illegal gold trade and made away with ₹4 lakh from him.

Suspecting something fishy, the victim Tabrez J., approached the City Police Commissioner with a petition who handed over the case to the CCB for a detailed probe.

According to the complaint, Tabrez, who owned a medical shop in Devanahalli was approached by a man identified as Ramesh for a general medicine in March this year. He befriended him after a couple of visits and made him an offer to sell four kg of gold coins at a cheap rate acquired from an acquaintance.

After clinching the deal, Tabrez went to check the gold coins at a village near Harihara and confirmed that they were genuine. He agreed to buy two kg of gold coins for ₹12 lakh. He arranged the money from his savings and even raised a loan to pay the money and bought the gold coins. After getting the coins, he realised they were fake.

While he was trying to contact Ramesh, he received a call from constable Mahboob and head constable Yuvaraj introducing themselves as policemen from the R.T. Nagar Police Station and assured to recover the money he lost. Initially, Tabrez was shocked since he had not approached the police, but after meeting the duo, he was convinced and agreed to their help. Tabrez accompanied them to Davanagere and met their colleague Maruthi, a constable who also assured to help them to recover the amount. As per the deal, Maruthi said that out of the total loss of ₹12 lakh, he could recover only ₹8 lakh and handed over the cash on April 29.

The accused later took a cut from Tabrez for helping him and returned only ₹4.5 lakh. Initially, Tabrez agreed to recover any amount he could, but after discussing the issue with family and friends, he realized that he had been cheated and approached the police. The police arrested Maruthi, a suspended police constable from Davanagere SP office. Maruthi had history of many cases and a departmental inquiry is pending against him, the police said.

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[Pursuant to Sections 108 and 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014]

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 108 and 110 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 (the **“Act”**) read with Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (the **“Rules”**), Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the **“SEBI Listing Regulations”**), Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (“SS-2”) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, including any statutory modification(s), clarification(s), substitution(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force, guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (the **“MCA”**), Government of India, for holding general meetings / conducting postal ballot process through electronic voting (remote e-voting) vide General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, 20/2021 dated December 08, 2021, 03/2022 dated May 05, 2022, 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022, 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 and 09/2024 dated September 19, 2024 (the **“MCA Circulars”**), the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and any other applicable laws and regulations, to transact the following business by way of Special resolution via Postal Ballot through e-voting process:

S.No.	Description of the Resolution
1	Appointment of Shri.A.Shidambaranathan (DIN: 02904738) as a Non-Executive Independent Director of the Bank

The Postal Ballot Notice is being sent to the Members, whose names appeared in the Register of Members / Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 (the “Cut-Off Date”), through e-mail to those shareholders, who have registered their e-mail address and through post for those shareholders who have not registered their e-mail address. The Postal Ballot Notice is also available at the Bank’s website www.tmb.in under ‘Investors Relations’ section and the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and on the website of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com. In accordance with the applicable circulars issued by the MCA, the members can vote on the resolution proposed in the said Postal Ballot Notice only by electronic means (“e-voting”). The Bank has engaged the services of National Securities Depository Limited (“NSDL”) to provide the e-voting facility. The detailed instructions on e-voting are provided in the postal ballot notice sent to the shareholders.

The remote e-voting schedule is as under:

EVEN (E-Voting Event Number)	**133637**
Commencement of e-voting	**Tuesday, May 06, 2025 at 9.00 A.M. IST**
Conclusion of e-voting	**Wednesday, June 04, 2025 at 5.00 P.M. IST**
Cut-Off date for eligibility to vote	**Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

The e-voting facility will be disabled by NSDL, immediately after 5.00 p.m. IST on Wednesday, June 04, 2025, for voting thereafter. Once the vote on the resolutions are cast by the Member, the same cannot be changed subsequently.

The Board of Directors have appointed Shri.M.Alagar, (Membership No.7488) (CP No.8196), Partner of M/s.M.Alagar & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries to act as the scrutinizer, for conducting the Postal Ballot process in a fair and transparent manner.

The resolution, if passed by requisite majority by remote e-voting, shall be deemed to have been passed on the last date of e-voting i.e., Wednesday, June 04, 2025. The results of e-voting will be announced on or before Friday, June 06, 2025, and will be displayed on the Bank’s website www.tmb.in under ‘Investors Relations’ section and on the website of the NSDL i.e., www.evoting.nsdl.com. The results will simultaneously be communicated to the Stock Exchanges i.e., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited.

In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no: 022 - 4886 7000 or send a request at evoting@nsdl.com.

By Order of the Board of Directors
For Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited
Sd/-
Swapnil Yelgaonkar
Company Secretary
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Text&Context

THE HINDU

NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of persons acquitted in the 2020 Delhi riots case

12 According to the prosecution, the accused were part of a riotous mob that murdered one Hashim Ali on February 26, 2020, in the Gokalpuri area. An FIR had been registered against the accused under various provisions, including rioting, murder and criminal conspiracy. PTI

Number of drivers in Mumbai facing licence suspension

28,814 The traffic police will suspend licences of more than 28,800 taxi and autorickshaw drivers for refusing to ferry passengers on short-distance trips in Mumbai. As many as 48,417 drivers were issued penalty receipts. PTI

Amount to be paid to illegal immigrants to return to countries

1,000 in $. The Department of Homeland Security said that people who use an app called 'CBP Home' to inform the government that they plan to return home will be "deprioritised" for detention and removal by immigration enforcement. PTI

Funds required to alleviate the food crisis in northeast Nigeria

160 In $ million. The UN on Monday said it needed roughly $160 million for Nigeria's conflict-battered northeast, where the situation is at its worst in five years. The region has been plagued by a 15-year jihadist insurgency that has killed more than 40,000 people. AFP

Amount to be spent by Lithuania to fortify Russia, Belarus border

1.2 In $ billion. NATO member Lithuania said said it will spend 1.1 billion euros ($1.2 billion) to fortify its border with Russia and Belarus. The latest spending push would allow Lithuania to "block and slow down the actions of hostile states". AFP

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The implications of caste enumeration

While there is a vast political leadership who came through the lanes of OBC politics, there has also been a concentration of certain OBC communities in these spaces. The upcoming Census, with caste enumeration, could create a window of opportunity for the inclusion of those communities who have been left behind

FULL CONTEXT

Rama Shanker Singh
Sarthak Bagchi

Upcoming exercise: Congress workers celebrate the Centre's decision to include caste enumeration in the upcoming national Census, in Noida, on May 2. PTI

THE GIST

- The Census figures enabled the colonial government to reshape India's complex social and cultural fabric through revenue taxation, education, and new opportunities generated in universities, public services and of course legislative bodies.
- Since 2014, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been garnering strong support from OBC and Scheduled Castes within the broader Hindutva framework. To reclaim this support, regional parties have expanded their social and electoral base, and have been tirelessly demanding for a Census where caste is also enumerated.
- In Bihar, where Assembly elections are due later this year, the BJP would want to use its recent decision to conduct a caste count in the upcoming Census, along with the symbolism of honouring Karpoori Thakur with a Bharat Ratna Award, to effectively mobilise the Extremely Backward Classes (EBC).

Numbers are the basis of governance; without them, the state loses confidence. In government offices, one may see that every item – electrical panels, fans, chairs – is meticulously numbered and logged, forming the foundation of administrative records. Thus, governments categorise and quantify all things. As Arjun Appadurai said, every commodity has its own social and political life – this principle also applies to the census of humankind.

Since the emergence of the modern state in India, populations have been enumerated. The first colonial Census conducted in 1872 generated statistical data, allowing the British to control India and regulate every aspect of Indian life. While the Census was seen as an administrative enumeration, a statistical activity more than a political act of a reorganisation of groups, the introduction of the caste Census by H.H. Risley made the Census into a political instrument in a way it had never been used before. Risley had a dramatic influence on the rise of caste organisations and the exploding production of literature about the caste system from all over the subcontinent.

Caste count pre-Independence

In the late 19th century, upper-caste Indian elites sought political reforms and representation from the British. The Census figures enabled the colonial government to reshape India's complex social and cultural fabric through revenue taxation, education, and new opportunities generated in universities, public services and of course legislative bodies. This eventually led to the creation of a supporter base among upper-caste Indian elites for the British.

However, with time, subaltern communities also began seeking access to education and political representation. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's emergence after the 1930s, challenged upper-caste hegemony, creating space for Dalits or the Backward Classes, as they were known then.

While the Government of India Act, 1935 and the Indian Constitution brought dignity and equality to Dalits and Adivasis, thousands of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) were overlooked by the Constituent Assembly during this pivotal moment.

Defining the OBC category

In 1953, the Kaka Kalelkar Commission was established to identify OBC communities and propose welfare measures. In its 1955 report, the commission identified as many as 2,300 communities as OBCs. However, the report was not implemented due to vague criteria and lack of political consensus. In fact, the report received negative feedback from the then Congress Home Minister G.B. Pant, who thought that the emphasis on caste demonstrated "the dangers of separatism" and was "the greatest hindrance in the way of our progress toward an egalitarian society."

During this period, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia articulated a contrarian but transformative vision – "We should follow a new principle that merit comes from opportunity. Sixty per cent of the high opportunities of the country should go to 90% of India's population –Shudras, Harijans, backward castes of religious minorities, women, and tribals. This principle should be applied to the most competitive exams and I reject the Prime Minister's (Jawaharlal Nehru) arguments, which rest on the deceptive foundation of merit and qualifications," as articulated in the *Rammanohar Lohia Rachanawali,* a compilation of the works of Ram Manohar Lohia.

After Lohia's intervention, the Mandal Commission in its 1980 report recommended a 27% reservation for OBCs in central government jobs and educational institutions, noting that OBCs constitute approximately 52% of India's population, on the basis of the 1931 caste Census data. In 1990, the V.P. Singh government allowed the partial implementation of Mandal Commission reports, generating much political heat across the country. However, the ensuing debate around reservations for the backward classes also raised the issue of a lack of new and more relevant data for more accurate policymaking, giving momentum to the demand for a caste census from this period on.

Incidentally, between the Kaka Kalelkar Commission and Mandal Commission, the Mungeri Lal Commission was set up by former Bihar Chief Minister Karpoori Thakur in Bihar, which also recommended reservations for the backward classes.

The impact of the Mandal report

The implementation of the Mandal Commission report has significantly changed the contours of OBC politics in the country, hastening the dominance of the backward castes, especially the intermediary castes. There is now not a single party in India which can oppose OBC reservations. Even in the 2024 parliamentary elections, reservation (or the perceived threat of its removal) was a key issue.

Since 2014, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been garnering strong support from OBC and Scheduled Castes within the broader Hindutva framework. To reclaim this support, regional parties have expanded their social and electoral base, and have been tirelessly demanding for a Census where caste is also enumerated. In Uttar Pradesh, the Samajwadi Party led by Akhilesh Yadav, has created a fruitful alliance with backward classes, Dalits, and minorities, by emphasising on proportional representation for castes. The party secured 37 Lok Sabha seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh. Recently, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi admitted that the party failed to prioritise OBCs and other reserved categories in the past and that they are ready to amend it. As part of the INDIA alliance's Lok Sabha election agenda, he advocated for a Census where caste is enumerated, aiming to consolidate Congress's traditional voter base while also appealing to OBC, Dalit, minorities and Adivasi constituencies. This, he said, will be like a comprehensive "X-ray" of Indian society.

While there is a vast political leadership who came through the lanes of OBC politics and have reached high positions in political parties and legislative spaces, there are fault lines in it. There is a concentration of certain communities in these spaces, especially of intermediary and extremely backward castes. The new Census, with caste enumeration, could create a window of opportunity for the inclusion of those communities who have been left behind. This Census will extend beyond OBCs, encompassing other subaltern communities and minorities. It will also bring out the number of privileged castes. It will reveal demographic compositions, and, if economic data like land ownership is included, the social roots of India's economic inequality. For smaller Scheduled Castes and OBCs lacking prominent leaders, this Census will offer a vital opportunity for visibility and advocacy, as land reforms and economic equality efforts have failed, deepening caste-based oppression and marginalisation. It will also give voice to, and more importantly, numbers of denotified and nomadic communities.

An electoral agenda

If one looks at the recent victory of the BJP in Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh, one understands how the BJP has attracted small communities to its fold. Social scientist Badri Narayan has been highlighting this phenomenon for a long time now. In Bihar, where Assembly elections are due later this year, the BJP would want to use its recent decision to conduct a caste count in the upcoming Census, along with the symbolism of honouring Karpoori Thakur with a Bharat Ratna Award, to effectively mobilise the Extremely Backward Classes (EBC). This is to bolster its own social base and improve its political standing, taking the wind out of its ally Nitish Kumar, who has been basking in the glory of carrying out the caste survey in Bihar earlier and has been the beneficiary of EBC support so far. Through the proposed caste enumeration with the Census, the BJP will try to reshape the caste realities of India and consolidate its appeal among a largely untapped voter base. It will try to cement its presence in States where it was a non-dominant player at best. Other national and regional parties will likely pursue similar strategies, but their success to find a foothold in these realigned caste realities will depend on their leadership and party organisation.

Rama Shanker Singh is an independent historian and author of the book Nadi Putra: Uttar Bharat mein Nisahd aur Nadi. Sarthak Bagchi teaches in Ahmedabad University.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO - 03/2025-26 Dated : 02-05-2025

The Executive Engineer, K.R. Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist. on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL Mysore has invited tender through KPPP Portal **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for "Consultancy Services for preparation of Detailed Project Report for Construction of Basic Infrastructure to Perform Cauvery Aarati in line with Ganga Aarati on the Downstream of Krishna Raja Sagara Dam in Srirangapattana taluk, Mandya District" and on EMD As per KPPP Portal. Any further information Or Clarification for the above said work including last date, opening date, Pre-bid meeting date, EMD, etc., can be obtained from above mentioned office during the office hours & from the above said website.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
K.R. Sagara Division, K.R. Sagara.

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Date : 03-05-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

The Commissioner, City Corporation, Belagavi invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 Rules 2000 through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for the works of **Supply Installation & Commissioning of Fire Fighting Equipment for 109 TPD Capacity Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in City Corporation, Belagavi under SBM 2.0 & Supply Installation & Commissioning of Processing Equipment for 109 TPD Capacity Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in City Corporation, Belagavi under SBM 2.0.**

The Last Date for the Submission of Tender is 14-05-2025.

For more details visit online **Website : https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Any Addendum / Corrigendum will be published in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only.

Sd/- Commissioner,
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, RUGHMINI, wife of Late Rama Varier Anantha Varrier, residing at No.190, Officers Model Colony, Near Ayyappa Temple, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560057 have changed my name from Rughmini to Rugmini Kidangoor vide affidavit dated 02.05.2025 Notary N.Narayana Swamy Bengaluru

I, Mallesh S S/O Somanna Sangappa R/O 32 Akshaya Nilaya, Bsm Extension, Bundemutt, Opposite To K H B Diamond Township Apartment, Komagatta Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Vtc-Kengeri, Po- Kengeri, District - Bengaluru, State- Karnataka, Pin Code 560060, Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Namely Shreyas Mallesh (Aged 6 Years) And He Shall Hereafter be Known as Shiven Mallesh For All Future Purposes.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Dhanush Lingam S/O, N. Thirumalai R/o No. 13, 3rd Block, 4th Street, Near Logos Retreat Centre, Prakruti Township, Babusapalya, Kalyannagar Post, Bangalore - 560043 have changed my name to T. Dhanushlingam.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SWATHI ELIZABETH .N**, D/o. Narasimha, aged 28 years, Residing at Krishnappa, Kanivepura, Heggadihalli Post, Bengaluru Rural District, Doddaballapura -561205, have changed my name to **SWATHI .N,** vide affidavit dated: 02.05.2025 before Advocate & Notary **SIVAKUMARA .M.N.,** Bengaluru.

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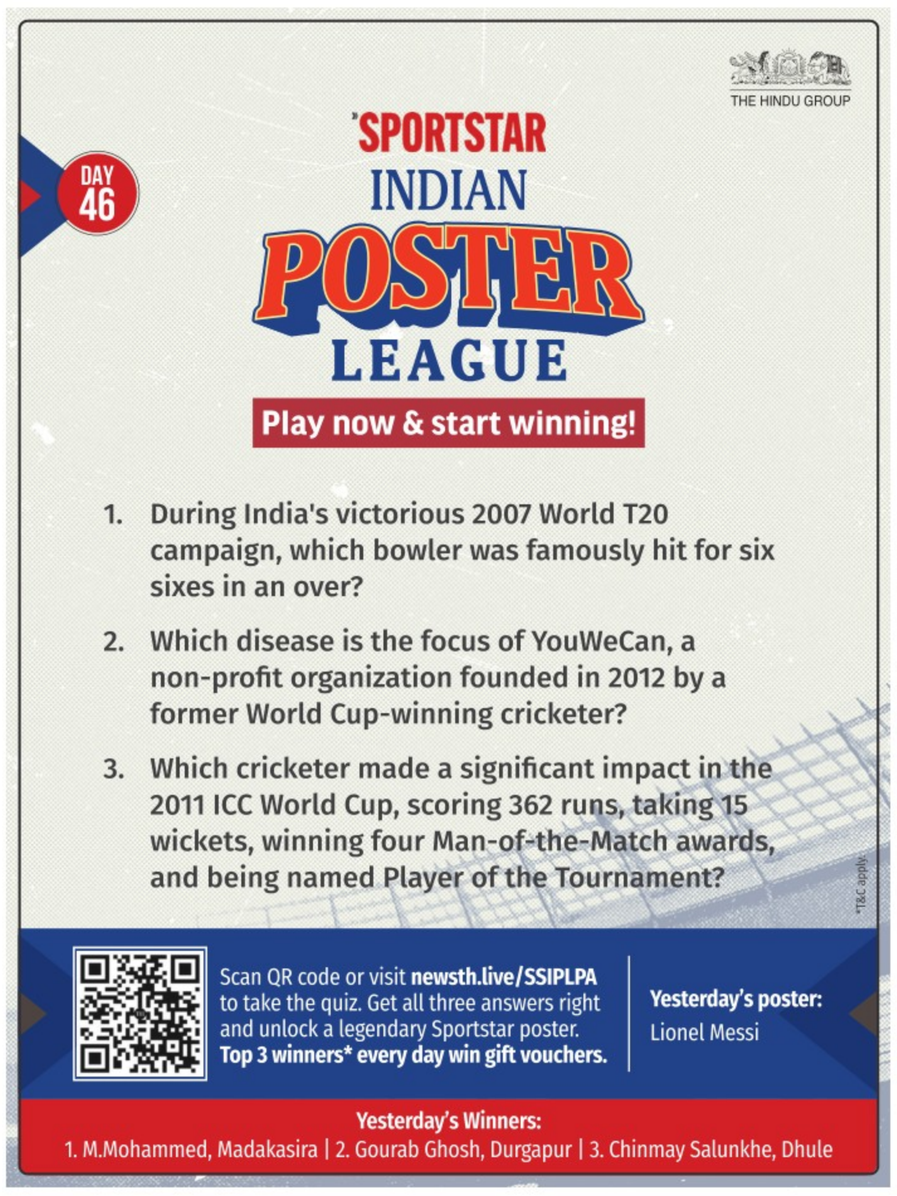
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No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-3/AE-1/TND2025-26/316 Date: 05.05.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites Tender for Appointment of Consultants for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for service works in Sl.No.(1,2&3) and tender from eligible Contractors registered in KPWD for works in Sl.No.(4)** in two Cover Tender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following works.

Sl. No.	Description of works	Approx. e-Service Estimate cost (Rs. In Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. In Lakhs)
1	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** for the works of (1) Construction of 200 bedded Hospital in Bengaluru North Taluk in Bengaluru,2) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at **Cheluru** in Chikkaballapura District, (3) Construction of 100 bedded Taluk Level Hospital at **Magadi** in Ramanagara District, (4) Construction of 100 bedded Taluk Level Hospital at **Maluru** in Kolar District, (5) Constructionof 100 bedded Taluk Level Hospital at **Koratagere** in Tumakuru District & (6) Construction of 100 bedded Taluk Level Hospital at **Jagaluru** in Davanagere District (Call-2).	173.90	2.61
2	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** for the works of (1) Construction / Improvements of District Hospital in **Davanagere**, Davanagere District & (2) Upgradation of 100 bedded TLH to 200 bedded Hosptial at **Molakalmuru** in Chitradurga District (Call-2).	175.36	2.64
3	Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the works of 1) Upgradation of CHC from 30 bed to 100 Bed Taluk Level Hospital at **Sargur** Mysuru District., 2) Upgradation of CHC from 30 bed to 100 Bed Taluk Level Hospital at **Saligrama** Mysuru District, 3) Upgradation of TLH from 150 bed to 250 bedded District Hospital in **Kollegala** Chamarajanagra District, 4) Upgradation of Subcentre to PHC Building at **Gopinatham**, Hanuru Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, 5) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at **P.G.Palya**, in Chamarajanagra Taluk Chamarajanagra District and 6) Upgradation of Mobile Health Tribal Unit to PHC Building at **Odeyar Palya**, Hanuru Taluk, Chamarajanagara District.	51.35	1.03
4	Additional works to 100 Bedded MCH in **B Hosuru** in Mandya District (Phase-II) (Call-2).	620.00	9.30

Stipulated period for Completion(including monsoon): **(For Sl.No. 4): 09 Months.**

Calendar of Events: (For Sl.No. 1-3) (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **15.05.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : **16.05.2025 at 16.01 hrs.**

Calendar of Events: (For Sl.No. 4) (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **20.05.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : **21.05.2025 at 16.01 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP portal platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and tender processing fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPPP platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: (1) All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on KPP portal.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.

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No.REV/LAQ/NH/01/2024-25/05 Dated : 28-04-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National HighwaysAct, 1956 (48 of 1956), the Ministry Of Road Transport And Highways, Central Government vide Notification Dated: 02.04.2025 declared the intention to acquire the land for building(widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH-167N in the stretch of land from Km. 0.00 to Km. 15.85 (Near Miriyan Telangana/Karnataka Border-Chincholi Section) in thedistrict of Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) in the state of KARNATAKA. The same is here with Published for Public Notice as per the sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act.

It is also informed not to carry out Purchase or Sale, Amortization, Any other documentation and Any Development works in respect of Lands notified under the Schedule of the afore said notification.

Sd/- Assistant Commissioner and
Land Acquisition Officer Sedam Sub-division, Sedam

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NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 02nd April,2025

S.O. 1596(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that forthe public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building(widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH-167N in the stretch of land from Km. 0.00 to Km. 15.85 (Near Miriyan Telangana/Karnataka Border-Chincholi Section) in thedistrict of Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, AC Sub Division, Sedam,Kalaburgi in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 0.00 to Km. 15.85 (Near Miriyan Telangana/Karnataka Border-Chincholi Section) of NH-167N in the state of KARNATAKA.

State: KARNATAKA District: Kalaburagi (Gulbarga)

Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectares)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Chincholi					
Village: Polakpalli					
1	114	Private	Dry	0.0522(Hectare)	0.0522
2	128	Common (Private/Govt)	Dry	0.8246(Hectare)	0.8246
3	63	Private	Dry	0.0588(Hectare)	0.0588
4	97	Private	Dry	0.0408(Hectare)	0.0408
Village: Somlingadhalli					
5	149	Private	Dry	0.3846(Hectare)	0.3846
6	150	Private	Dry	0.1973(Hectare)	0.1973
Village: Kallur Road					
7	1	Private	Dry	0.0314(Hectare)	0.0314
8	10	Private	Dry	0.1177(Hectare)	0.1177
9	100	Private	Dry	0.0507(Hectare)	0.0507
10	101	Private	Dry	0.1115(Hectare)	0.1115
11	102	Private	Dry	0.0304(Hectare)	0.0304
12	104	Private	Dry	0.3443(Hectare)	0.3443
13	11	Private	Dry	0.0203(Hectare)	0.0203
14	118	Government	Dry	0.0112(Hectare)	0.0112
15	12	Government	Dry	0.0506(Hectare)	0.0506
16	126	Private	Dry	0.1175(Hectare)	0.1175
17	127	Private	Dry	0.0033(Hectare)	0.0033
18	128	Private	Dry	0.1288(Hectare)	0.1288
19	130	Private	Dry	0.463(Hectare)	0.463
20	131	Private	Dry	0.1113(Hectare)	0.1113
21	132	Private	Dry	0.1053(Hectare)	0.1053
22	133	Government	Dry	0.203(Hectare)	0.203
23	135	Private	Dry	0.0214(Hectare)	0.0214
24	15	Private	Dry	0.0894(Hectare)	0.0894
25	18	Private	Dry	0.2226(Hectare)	0.2226
26	21	Private	Dry	0.3138(Hectare)	0.3138
27	22	Private	Dry	0.0557(Hectare)	0.0557
28	227	Private	Dry	0.0041(Hectare)	0.0041
29	231	Private	Dry	0.2697(Hectare)	0.2697
30	233	Private	Dry	0.4402(Hectare)	0.4402
31	234	Private	Dry	0.172(Hectare)	0.172
32	235	Private	Dry	0.0557(Hectare)	0.0557
33	235	Private	Dry	0.0557(Hectare)	0.0557
34	236	Private	Dry	0.0203(Hectare)	0.0203
35	237	Private	Dry	0.0506(Hectare)	0.0506
36	238	Private	Dry	0.0152(Hectare)	0.0152
37	238	Private	Dry	0.0152(Hectare)	0.0152
38	24	Private	Dry	0.0911(Hectare)	0.0911
39	25	Private	Dry	0.0203(Hectare)	0.0203
40	253	Private	Dry	0.0102(Hectare)	0.0102
41	26	Private	Dry	0.0051(Hectare)	0.0051
42	5	Private	Dry	0.047(Hectare)	0.047
43	8	Private	Dry	0.0367(Hectare)	0.0367
44	9	Private	Dry	0.0304(Hectare)	0.0304
45	99	Private	Dry	0.0305(Hectare)	0.0305
46	Gramathana	Common (Private/Govt)	Dry	0.0101(Hectare)	0.0101
Village: Miryan					
47	243	Private	Dry	0.042(Hectare)	0.042
48	244	Private	Dry	0.153(Hectare)	0.153
49	249	Private	Dry	0.0085(Hectare)	0.0085
50	262	Private	Dry	0.7083(Hectare)	0.7083
51	274	Private	Wet	0.007(Hectare)	0.007
52	292	Private	Dry	0.0067(Hectare)	0.0067
53	64	Government	Dry	0.0456(Hectare)	0.0456
Village:Chandhapura					
54	32	Private	Dry	1.5379(Hectare)	1.5379
55	44	Private	Dry	0.7286(Hectare)	0.7286
56	45	Private	Dry	0.8094(Hectare)	0.8094
57	47	Common (Private/Government)	Dry	1.1332(Hectare)	1.1332
58	50	Private	Dry	0.9714(Hectare)	0.9714
				Total	**11.6932**

[F.No.RW/BNG/NH-167N/Km.0.00to15.850/3A]
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FULL CONTEXT

Remembering the struggle: Army personnel march during the celebrations of Maharashtra Day, which commemorates the formation of the State in 1960, at Shivaji Park, in Mumbai, on May 1. PTI

Samyukta Maharashtra: how a linguistic movement built a State

Maharashtra Day has been celebrated since 1960 on May 1, along with International Labour Day. Looking back at the history of the formation of the State, one must acknowledge the contribution of Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

Nikhil Sanjay-Rekha Adsule

The Punjab Mail to Delhi was bustling with the inspiring tune of Lavani "*Majhi maina gavavar rahili*," composed by Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe. Senior freedom fighter Vithabai led the chorus, enthusiastically accompanied by Comrades Ahilya Ranganekar and Tara Reddy. This episode, described in Meena Deshpande's classic novel, *Hutatma (martyr)*, shows the passion and force of the Marathi people in envisioning the cultural-linguistic goal of a 'Samyukta Maharashtra' (Unified Maharashtra), realising the dream of the King of Ryots, the Kulwadi Bhushan – Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. It aligned with Shivaji's vision of Maharashtra Dharma, first illustrated in the Mahikavati Bakhar of the 15th century.

Today, along with International Labour Day, Maharashtra Day has been celebrated since 1960 on May 1. To better understand the cultural-linguistic concept of Samyukta Maharashtra, two key aspects of the movement need to be analysed – Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe's contribution and the role of Dr. Ambedkar and his Scheduled Caste Federation (SCF).

History of the movement

The Gandhian promise of the linguistic reorganisation of States was not fulfilled in the case of the Marathi-speaking public by any of the committees including the Dhar Commission, the JVP Committee, and the Fazl Ali Commission. The Congress leaders, playing with Marathi people's sentiments, sidelined the fair demand for the linguistic creation of a Samyukta Maharashtra encompassing Mumbai, Vidarbha, Marathwada, Belgaum, Karwar, and Nippani. This understanding was democratically reached under the aegis of the Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti, headed by Keshavrao Jedhe, and which included stalwarts like S. M. Joshi. They took into cognisance the earlier agreed Nagpur Pact of 1953, improving on the Akola Pact of 1947.

In 1954, the RSS supremo, M. S. Golwalkar, at the Anti-Provincial Conference, echoed the sentiments of the Bombay Citizens Committee, helmed by the Gujarati-speaking elites, who were opposed to the idea of a Samyukta Maharashtra.

It was later Indira Gandhi who nudged the then reluctant Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to accept the demand for a Samyukta Maharashtra, which includes Mumbai, due to the following events – the resignation of Union Finance Minister C. D. Deshmukh, the loss of lives of more than 100 Marathi activists to state brutality, and the Congress debacle in the State during the 1957 elections.

The cultural ethos

The fiery Acharya Atre, whose newspapers, *Navayug* and *Mahrattha*, were the movement's voice, shed tears hearing the famous poet Shailendra's song for the movement. The lyrics of the song announced, "Rise, Maratha! The times will change. The storm has risen. And it will calm down only after taking Bombay with it. "

Neera Adarkar and Meena Menon have highlighted that these *shahirs* played a critical role in mobilising the Marathi-speaking masses. Here, Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe's role was extremely significant. Annabhau was a folk artist, writer, and social worker. Through the *Lal Bavta Kalapathak* (Red flag cultural squad), he and his comrades mobilised masses from the rural areas, garnering their support for the Samyukta Maharashtra movement. Their role can be understood through Jürgen Habermas's theory of communicative rationality, which focuses on the deliberative democratic model which is open, meaningful, constructive, and uses critical conversations to reach a consensus. In his *lokanatya* (a form of theatre), 'Majhi Mumbai', he presents this communicative rationality, foregrounding a discussion between a Marathi person named Vishnu and a bourgeois character, Munim. When Munim asks, "Why should Mumbai be given to Maharashtra?" Vishnu answers, "Just like an eagle has wings and a tiger has claws, just like that, Mumbai is for Maharashtra."

His famous composition, '*Majhi Maina Gavavar rahili*', became an anthem of the movement. While the state tried to crush his spirit, Annabhau kept the momentum going. He and his comrades successfully engendered fraternity between different classes, transcending gender and caste boundaries, to build an associated linguistic vision of Samyukta Maharashtra with Mumbai being its core.

The role of Ambedkar

Prabodhankar Thackrey, in his autobiography, *Majhi Jeevangatha*, recalls his meeting with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, who promised that his party, the SCF, would stand with the Samyukta Maharashtra movement.

Ambedkar was one of the first people to have perspicacity on the Samyukta Maharashtra issue. He submitted his scholarly views before the Dhar Commission. And for the first time, the resolution for a Samyukta Maharashtra was brought to the Bombay Corporation by his party, the SCF, in 1948. His party also seconded the resolution on the same, brought by Acharya Atre, in the Bombay Corporation. He emphasised that linguistic reorganisation can accord cultural specificity, social plurality, and a democratic polity, strengthening federalism. During the general elections in 1951, he asserted the idea of a Samyukta Maharashtra which includes Mumbai.

Incidentally, in 1956, Ambedkar sent a telegram to Jawaharlal Nehru expressing his indignation with the proposed reorganisation of states in Parliament. He was unwavering in his belief that Mumbai was for Maharashtra only.

Ambedkar clearly articulated his position on the need for a Samyukta Maharashtra in Parliament, newspapers, and public gatherings. He analysed the issue in three different books – *States and Minorities*, *Need for Checks and Balances*, and *Thoughts on Linguistic States*. In *Maharashtra as a Linguistic Province* (1948), Ambedkar argues that State formation based on language cultivates social unity and strengthens democracy. He views the concept of Samyukta Maharashtra, including Mumbai, not from the standpoint of mere geography but as an opportunity to establish social and economic democracy. Even after his death, his party supported the Samyukta Maharashtra movement in the 1957 elections, and members of the SCF, like B. K. Gaikwad, B. C. Kamble, and others, remained key players of the movement. Thus, Dr. Ambedkar used his unique blend of theory and praxis for the movement.

The end of this linguistic-cultural movement was reached when, on May 1, 1960, the State of Maharashtra, with Mumbai as its capital, was formed. In that atmosphere of jubilation, somewhere, the following lines of poet Vinda Karandikar reverberated, remembering the sacrifices of the people: "For the liberation of people, There is still one more battle to go; And whose soul is one, These people are immortal."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

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A quiz on the virtues of end-to-end encryption, after the Trump administration's recent gaffe leaked sensitive war plans to a journalist

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

Name the cryptographic system in wide use today that secures data by using a pair of keys: the public key, which encrypts the data, and the secret private key, which can decrypt it.

QUESTION 2

Name the concept in cryptography that generates new keys based on existing ones and uses them to unlock data. This way, even if one of the new keys is misplaced, the source key remains uncompromised.

QUESTION 3

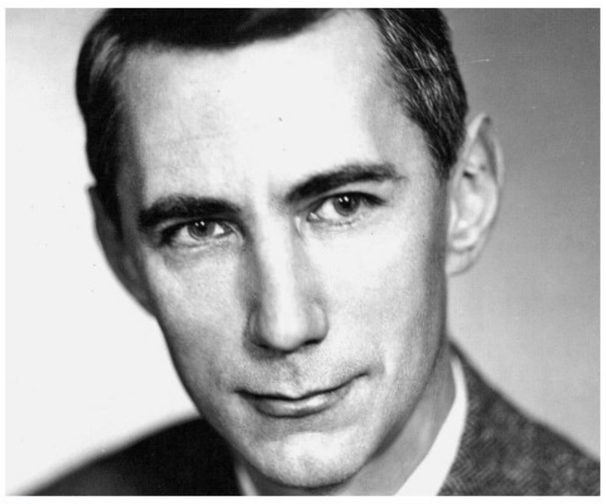
The ___ algorithm is a famous public-key cryptosystem published in 1977. It secures data by using a pubic key and a private key both generated by multiplying very large prime numbers.

QUESTION 4

A tool like the QR code can be used to prevent a type of encryption attack called ___ __ ___ _____ by forcing two users to manually verify their keys and check for the presence of a third user. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 5

____-_____ cryptography refers to algorithms like CRYSTALS-Kyber, designed to be secure against attacks from an advanced device many scientists are working on today — a device that can obviate the protection conferred by existing computers. Fill in the blanks.



Visual question:
Name this man, considered the founding father of modern cryptography for his insights into the subject based on ideas from communication theory.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The first woman in space in 1963. **Ans: Valentina Tereshkova**
2. This first was achieved on November 3, 1957. **Ans: The dog Laika, the first living creature, was launched into space by USSR**
3. The popular name of the Orbiting Astronomical Observatory 2 (OAO-2). **Ans: Stargazer**
4. This spacecraft travelled beyond the 'heliosphere'. **Ans: Voyager 1**
5. The pioneering feat South Africa's Dennis Tito achieved when he went to space on a Soyuz TM-32 mission in 2001. **Ans: He became the first 'Space tourist'**
6. This moonwalker has the distinction of being in the first Space Shuttle mission in 1981. **Ans: John Young**
7. Venera 7 did the first soft landing on this planet in 1970. **Ans: Venus**
Visual: The first attributed to this cosmonaut. **Ans: Alexei Leonov was the first human to 'walk' in space**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"Can we leave now? I'm really hungry!"
"So am I! I'm hungry for a masala dosai."
"Hungry for a masala dosai. How can that be? You can be 'hungry', but you can't be 'hungry for' something!"
"Yes, you can! When you say you are 'hungry for' something, it means you want to have it very much'. For example, if I say, I'm hungry for some puris, it means...."
"... you want to have puris and nothing else."
"Well, in a sense, yes. What you want at that particular moment to satisfy your hunger are puris!"
"So, can I say, I'm hungry for some rasagullas?"
"Yes, you can."
"But tell me, this expression 'hungry for', is it only used with food?"
"Oh no! It can be used with other things as well. For example, my cousin is always hungry for gossip."
"India is hungry for a victory at Sharjah. Is it ok to say that?"
"Yes, it is. But if we continue to play the way we are playing now, we will remain hungry for a long time!"
"That's true."
"What's the matter with your arm? Why are you rubbing it so gingerly?"
"GinGERly? What does it mean?"
"It's not 'ginGERly', but 'GINgerly'. The stress is on the first syllable. The word is pronounced like the word 'ginger'. When you do something 'gingerly', it means, 'you do it in a careful, hesitant manner, usually because you expect it to be dangerous, unpleasant, or painful'. For example, the fielder ran gingerly across the wet field."
"The children walked gingerly to the front door of the haunted house! How about that sentence?"
"Sounds good to me. Here's another one. Shantha held the dead rat gingerly by its tail."
"Knowing Shantha, she probably held it by its neck and not its tail."
"Don't be so mean! Anyway, what's wrong with your arm?"
"I cut myself on a rusted nail yesterday."
"A rusted nail! Did you go to the doctor?"
"The doctor? For a small scratch like this? Don't be silly!"
"I'm not. You had better see a doctor."
"Had better! Don't we normally use 'had' when we talk about things that happened in the past?"
"That's right! But 'had better' is an expression that is used to talk about the present or future. It is used when giving advice to people. "
"Can I say, I had better prepare for tomorrow's test?"
"You can."
"Had better is like the word 'should' then? So every time I need to use 'should', can I replace it with 'had better?"
"No! 'Should' cannot be replaced by 'had better' all the time. 'Had better' is stronger than 'should'."

Published in The Hindu on May 21, 1996.

Word of the day

Perspicacity:
intelligence manifested by being astute; the capacity to assess situations or circumstances shrewdly and draw sound conclusions

Synonyms: judgment, astuteness

Usage: *Few can observe their own impulses with perspicacity.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/perspicacitypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˌpɜː.spɪˈkæs.ɪ.ti/

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‘Survekshan 2025’ inaugurated at NMIT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Civil Engineering at the Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology (NMIT) hosted its annual national-level technical fest, Survekshan 2025, with a focus on the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in civil engineering on Monday.

Lt. Col. P.J. Anand Kumar (Retd.), Founder and CEO of Critical AI Pvt. Ltd., the chief guest for the event, delivered the keynote address, emphasising the transformative role. “Civil engineering, the foundation of civilization for millennia, is undergoing a major shift with the advent of AI,” he said. He highlighted how AI is optimizing project processes, enhancing safety, and promoting sustainability from design to demolition.

Underscoring the often-overlooked aspect of demolition, he emphasised, “Demolition is as crucial as construction. Sustainable practices, now supported by AI, can reduce environmental impact and help engineers make informed decisions.”

Chandrashekhar M.S., V-P, Epcogen Pvt. Ltd., the Guest of Honor, described Survekshan as a key platform enabling students to assess and enhance their knowledge and skills. H.C. Nagarj, Principal, NMIT, presided over the event.

Man held for allegedly killing wife in domestic row

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Basaveshwara Nagar police on Monday arrested a 43-year-old businessman for allegedly strangulating his wife in the course of a domestic row at their home on April 25.

Demand for money

Lokesh Kumar Gehlot, the owner of a photo studio in Cubbon Pete, had been demanding money from his wife Namitha to expand his business, forced her to get money from her parents and took ₹60,000 from her. The two had been fighting ever since, the police said.

On April 24, Gehlot returned home from work and found Namitha talking to her brother on the phone.

The accused allegedly started pestering her to put the call on loudspeaker. She objected to this. A heated argument ensued between them following which the accused assaulted and strangled her to death. Gehlot then fled the scene.

Complaint filed by house owner

Based on the complaint filed by the owner of the house, the police registered a case of murder and dowry harassment against the accused and tracked him down on Monday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is negotiating for the purchase of the Schedule property from **Smt. P.Bharathi** W/o. Late S.N.Parthasarathy and **Sri. Uday, S.P.** S/o. Late S.N.Parthasarathy, both are residing at No.463, 1st ‘E’ Cross, 8th Main, III Stage, IV Block, Basaveshwaranagara, Bengaluru -560079, claiming to be the owners of the schedule property agreed to sell the same in favour of my client. Therefore any person/s, Financial Institutions, Co-parcener of the owners, Legal representatives or any other person interested in the schedule property or opposing the sale of the schedule property to my client in any manner whatsoever shall submit written objections to the undersigned along with the supporting documents within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this publication. Any objections received subsequently shall not be considered and my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property residential bearing Site No.91, carved out of Survey No. 467/1 of the then West of Magadi Road Cord Road, Kempapura Agrahara Village, presently situated at 12th cross, Binny Mill Layout 1st Stage, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Marenahalli Ward, BBMP Ward No. 125, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet in all 1500 square feet together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by : Site No.90, West by : Site No.92, North by : Site No.89, South by : Road.

Office Address: Chandrahasa. M.R., Advocate, No. 10, Ground Floor, ‘ASVNV CENTENARY BHAVAN’, K G Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.
Mobile: **9741485539**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client Sri Rahul Anand and Smt. Soni Kumari both are residing at No.123/7, situated at 13th Stage, 2nd Cross, 2nd Floor, Bommanahalli, Bangalore. intends to purchase schedule property from Smt. Chikkathayamma and others duly represented by their GPA holder / developers namely Ms. Daksha Home developers having its office at Vijayanagara Bangalore duly represented by its managing partners namely Mr B.Vinod Kumar.

Any persons/bodies having any right, claim, interest, minor claims over the schedule property may raise their objection in writing to the undersigned advocate within 7 days from the date of this publication failing which my client will proceed further and no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the flat consisting of 2BHK bearing number A 307 in the project called as Nirmaanika Advaita constructed upon Survey numbers 44/6 and 46/3 situated at Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Road, Balagere Village Bangalore, East Taluk comes under BBMP limits having super built up area of 1215 sq ft , and undivided share of 504 sq. Ft.

From: **VEMURI.SRINIVAS,** Advocate
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that **Mr. B Padmanaban and P Nalini,** being the absolute owner of Flat bearing No.004 Ground Floor, **PARAMOUNT PILATUS APARTMENT,** A2 Block, carved out of converted property bearing Sy.No.45/2, AND Sy.No.45/3, situated at **Arkere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** bounded on the
East by : Land bearing Sy.No. 85/1
West by : Road
North by : Water Channel & 80 feet road
South by : Land bearing Sy.No. 45/1 & 85/2
affirms that in the page No.21 (typed Page No.17) of the Original Sale Deed dated 18.10.2012 executed by **Mr. C. Krishna Reddy,** S/o Late Mr. Chanappa Reddy, represented by his GPA Holder **M/s. Paramount Vijetha Holdings,** represented by its Partner **Mr. Mahaveer K. Ranka, and M/s. Paramount Vijetha Holdings,** represented by its Partner **Mr. Mahaveer K. Ranka,** registered as Document No. JAY-1-03535-2012-13, stored in CD No. JAYD155 in Book I in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore, has been lost/misplaced. The said document has not been mortgaged or pledged as collateral security. An E-Lost Report bearing No. 1578224/2025 has been filed before the Bangalore City Police on 24.04.2025 reporting the said loss. Any person who may be in possession of the aforesaid document is requested to return the same to the undersigned. Further, any person/s having any claim, right, or interest over the said property may lodge their objections in writing within **30 days** from the date of this notice to the undersigned.

K. V. Narendra & Associates,
Advocates,
No.557, 2nd Floor, 9th A Main,
Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038.
Ph: 95910 67392.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.
I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/5054-SH/2025-26/250 Dated:02.05.2025

TIME EXTENSION FOR TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) Total 1 work, As per standard bid documents KW- 4 with 5054-SH head of account costing of amount for Rs650.00 Lakhs the EMD amount of Rs.9,75,000.00 .for the works. For above work G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor separately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows (1) Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors Date- 05.05.2025 upto 11.00 AM (2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date-17.05.2025 upto 4.30 PM (3) Opening of Technical Bid Date-19.05.2025 at 11.00 AM. (4) Opening of Financial Bid Date-20.05.2025 at 11.00 AM. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e i.e “https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in” and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777) or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Vijayapur

DIPR/VIJAYAPUR/52/KSMCA/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
“e” - PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO.CCE, KIP-(KRC&BD)-01/2025-26
(Pertaining to Kanpur Rehabilitation Camps & Building Division, Basudevpur)

1.	Name of the Work	"Construction of Sanitation facilities to each house at Birikala and Gobindapur R and R colony for the DPs of village Birikala and Gobindapur of KIP".
2.	Bid Identification No.	CCE, KIP (KRC&BD)-01/2025-26
3.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 243.41 Lakh
4.	Period of completion	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months including rainy season.
5.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	Dt.06.05.2025 from 10.00 Hours to Dt.20.05.2025 up to 17.00 Hours.
6.	Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal	20.05.2025 up to 17.00 Hours.
7.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender (Technical Bid)	21.05.2025 at 11.00 Hours
8.	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	Er. Prasad Ranjan Panda, Chief Construction Engineer, Kanupur Irrigation Project, At/PO-Basudevpur, Dist- Keonjhar, Odisha - 758047

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal **“https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in”**

(Er.Prasad Ranjan Panda)
Chief Construction Engineer,
Kanupur Irrigation Project, Basudevpur, Keonjhar, Odisha

A-: OIPR-32012/11/0008/2526

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, खूँटी।
अति अल्पकालीन ई–पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–RDD/SD/KHUNTI/04/2024-25
3rd Call
PR. No.- 340280 (Rural Development)22-23(D)

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	खूँटी जिलान्तर्गत तोरपा प्रखण्ड के फटका–फड़िंगा जाने वाले पथ पर बनई नदी पर उच्चस्तरी पुल निर्माण।	5,17,08,100/–	10,34,500/–	10,000/–	24 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि –07.05.2025
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय–दिनांक 08.05.2025 से दिनांक 15.05.2025 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, खूँटी
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय –16.05.2025 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, खूँटी
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 8102171790
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
PR 351662 Rural Development(25-26)D **ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,खूँटी।**

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MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 22.05.2025

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive/Actual Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **“As is where is”and “As is what is” basis on 22.05.2025** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **21.05.2025 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) M/s. Associate Builders, represented by its Partners: i) Mrs. Lalitha Prabhakaran, ii) Mr. Rajesh P.K, iii) Mr. Shridharan Subhash, Addressed at:** No. 4/4, 2nd Floor, 10th Main Road, Jeevan Bhima Nagar, Bengaluru-560075, **Also at:** No. 302, Associate Dwellings, 3rd Floor, Devatha Plaza, Field Marshall Cariappa Road, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025, **Also at:** Midhila Deluxe, No. 866/5, Ward No. 16, 2nd Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064, **(2) Mrs.Lalitha Prabhakaran,** W/o Mr. M.S Prabhakaran, **(3) Mr. Rajesh P.K,** S/o Mr. Ponnambil Veilayi Kumaran, **4) Mr. Shridharan Subhash,** S/o Mr. Subhash, **No. 2 to No. 4 are addressed at:** No. 100, Shristhi, 5th Cross, Ramesh Nagar, Bengalauru -560037 **Loan A/c Nos.:** **(1) Term Loan A/c No. 0637001600593901** **(2) Term Loan A/c No. 0637001600624501**	**Total Rs. 84,27,977.62** **[(1) Rs. 45,72,996.56** **30.04.2025 + (2) Rs. 38,54,981.06** **11.04.2025]**	**22.11.2024** **Constructive**	**Item No.1:** All that part and parcel of the **Residential Flat** situated in the Apartment known as **“Midhila Deluxe”,** bearing Nos.**G-02** admeasuring super built up area of **1030 sq.ft** with undivided share in land of **277.24 sq.ft, New Municipal Khata No.866/5, Ward No.16,** situated at 2nd Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore North Taluk belonging to **M/s Associate Builders. Boundaries of property : East by:** Passage Area, **West by:** Flat No G01, **North by:** Common Area, **South by:** Open to Sky. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 13.105028, 77.606611**	**Rs. 46,00,000/-**	**Rs. 4,60,000/-**	**10.30 AM. to 10.50 AM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru –Nehrunagar A/c No: 0633500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000063**
				Item No.2: All that part and parcel of the **Residential Flat** situated in the Apartment known as **“Midhila Deluxe”,** bearing Nos.**G-04** admeasuring super built up area of **1065 sq.ft** with undivided share in land of **288.66 sq.ft, New Municipal Khata No.866/5, Ward No.16,** situated at 2nd Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore North Taluk belonging to **M/s Associate Builders. Boundaries of property : East by:** Passage Area, **West by:** Flat No G02, **North by:** Common Area, **South by:** Open to Sky. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 13.105028, 77.606611**	**Rs. 47,00,000/-**	**Rs. 4,70,000/-**	**11.00 AM. to 11.20 AM**		
				Item No.3: All that part and parcel of the **Residential Flat** situated in the Apartment known as **“Midhila Deluxe”,** bearing Nos.**G-05** admeasuring super built up area of **1370 sq.ft** with undivided share in land of **386.76 sq.ft, New Municipal Khata No.866/5, Ward No.16,** situated at 2nd Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore North Taluk belonging to **M/s Associate Builders. Boundaries of property : East by:** Common Area, **West by:** Corridor, **North by:** Flat No.G06; **South by:** Flat No.G04. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 13.105028, 77.606611**	**Rs. 61,00,000/-**	**Rs. 6,10,000/-**	**11.30 AM. to 11.50 AM**		
				Item No.4: All that part and parcel of the **Residential Flat** situated in the Apartment known as **“Midhila Deluxe”,** bearing Nos.G-06 admeasuring super built up area of **1125 sq.ft** with undivided share in land of **302.89 sq.ft, New Municipal Khata No.866/5, Ward No.16,** situated at 2nd Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore North Taluk belonging to **M/s Associate Builders. Boundaries of property : East by:** Flat No. G07, **West by:** Common Area, **North by:** Passage Area, **South by:** Flat No. G05. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 13.105028, 77.606611**	**Rs. 52,00,000/-**	**Rs. 5,20,000/-**	**12.00 Noon to 12.20 PM**		
				Item No.5: All that part and parcel of the **Residential Flat** situated in the Apartment known as **“Midhila Deluxe”,** bearing Nos.G-07 admeasuring super built up area of **1285 sq.ft** with undivided share in land of **345.88 sq.ft, New Municipal Khata No.866/5, Ward No.16,** situated at 2nd Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore North Taluk belonging to **M/s Associate Builders. Boundaries of property : East by:** Open to Sky, **West by:** Flat No. G 06, **North by:** Common Area, **South by:** Open to Sky. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 13.105028, 77.606611**	**Rs. 60,00,000/-**	**Rs. 6,00,000/-**	**12.30 PM. to 12.50 PM**		
2	**(1) M/s Greenthrust Oil Industries Pvt Ltd, Represented by its Directors: i) Mrs Ashwini Rakshak Prabhu ii) Mr.Prakash Prabhu iii) Mrs. Jyothi Gopal Prabhu, Addressed at:** No.776, Tirumala Pride Apartment, Flat No. F2, 11th Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560072, **(2) Mrs. Ashwini Rakshak Prabhu,** W/o Mr.Rakshak Prabhu, **Residing at:** Flat No. F2, Tirumala Pride Apartment, 11th Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560072, **(3) Mr. Prakash Prabhu,** S/o Mr.Yashwanth Prabhu, # 184, Asha deep, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Teachers Colony, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560072, **(4) Mrs.Jyothi Gopal Prabhu** W/o Mr.Gopal Prabhu, **Residing at:** No.208, 2nd Main Road, Teachers Layout, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560072, **(5) Mr.Anandaraya Yashvantha Prabhu** S/o Mr. Yashvantha Prabhu, **Residing at:** Flat No. F2, Tirumala Pride Apartment, 11th Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560072. **Loan A/c Nos.:** **(1) PSTL A/c No.1247001800032701** **(2) PSTL A/c No.1247001800038001** **(3) PSTL A/c No.1247001800040801**	**Total Rs. 8,59,32,302.12** **[(1) Rs. 7,31,93,460.20** **11.04.2025 + (2) Rs. 55,27,011.68** **11.04.2025 + (3) Rs. 72,11,830.24** **11.04.2025]**	**13.06.2024** **Constructive**	**Item No.1:** All that part and parcel of **Residential property bearing Now Municipal Site No.184, PID No.39-187-184,** formed in **Sy. No.1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6, 1/7, 2, 10, 50/1, 53, 54/1, 54/4A, 54/4B, 55/5** formed by the Kendra Upadhyayara Sangha (Regd. Bangalore South), layout plan approved by BDA, measuring East to West: 9.14 meters and North to South: (13.40 + 13.10)2 meters, in all **totally measuring 121.20 sq.meters i.e.1305 sq.ft.,** together with building constructed (GF, FF, SF with terrace floor measuring 2520 sq.ft) thereon situated at Nagarabhavi 1st Stage, presently BBMP Ward No.39, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore-560072 belonging to Mr.Prakash Prabhu. **Boundaries of property as per Document: East by:** Site No.185, **West by:** Site No.183, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.175. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude:12.957405, 77.517919**	**Rs. 3,00,00,000/-**	**Rs. 30,00,000/-**	**10.30 AM to 10.50 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Amarjyothi Nagar A/c No: 1243500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000124**
				Item No.2: All that part and parcel of **Residential property bearing Site No.2, Khatha No.646, measuring 2400 sq ft** (East to West: 60 ft and North to South: 40 ft), situated at Saptagiri Layout, 2nd Phase, Hosakerehalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mrs.Ashwini Rakshak Prabhu. Boundaries of property as per Document: East by:** 40 ft Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site No.1, **South by:** Site No.3. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude:12.920305, 77.535987**	**Rs. 1,55,00,000/-**	**Rs. 15,50,000/-**	**10.55 AM to 11.15 AM**		
				Item No.3: All that part and parcel of **Leasehold Industrial property bearing Plot No.75, being carved out of Sy.No.92 and 143** of Yalladadlu Village and Sy.No.65 & 66 of Nagenahalli Village, measuring 4004 sq mts (East to West: 88 meters and North to South: 45.50 meters) together with sheet roofed industrial shed building constructed thereon situated at 2nd Phase, Vasanthapura Industrial Area, Kora Hobli, Tumakuru Taluk and District-574128 belonging to **M/s Greenthrust Oil Industries Pvt.Limited. Boundaries of property as per Document: East by:** Plot No.76, **West by:** Private Land & KIADB Land, **North by:** Plot No.77, **South by:** 18 mtrs wide Road No.5. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude:13.500417, 77.035715**	**Rs. 2,55,00,000/-**	**Rs. 25,50,000/-**	**11.20 AM to 11.40 AM**		
3	**(1) Mr. Krishnama Naidu K,** S/o Mr. Muniswamy Naidu K, **(2) Mrs. Kanchana K** W/o Mr. Krishnama Naidu K, **Both are addressed at:** No.188/C, 4th Cross, 3rd Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085. **Loan A/c Nos.:** **PSOD A/c No. 1077000600048801**	**Rs. 1,81,00,337.62** **01.05.2025**	**28.11.2024** **Constructive**	All that part and parcel of the **residential property** bearing **Site No.1-B, measuring 1200 sq ft** (East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 30 feet), **New Municipal No.188/C, PID No.55-439-188-C** situated at 4th Cross, 5th Block, 3rd Phase, Banashankari III Stage, within BBMP limits, Bengaluru with building constructed thereon belonging to **Mr.Krishnama Naidu K. Boundaries of property: East by:** Site No.05, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.1-A, **South by:** Site No.2. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 12.922996 N, 77.550295 E**	**Rs. 2,12,00,000/-**	**Rs. 21,20,000/-**	**12.30 PM. to 12.50 PM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Banashankari II Stage A/c No: 1073500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000107**
4	**(I) (1) Mr. Suresh K N,** S/o Mr. Nanjundaiah, **(2) Mrs. Padma G R,** W/o Mr. Suresh K N, **Both are addressed at :** No.810, Railway Station Opposite Road, Hirehalli, Tumkur- 572101. **II) (1) M/s. Ashwa Foods, Represented by its Partners (a) Mr. Kempegowda G.R, (b) Mrs. Padma G.R, (c) Mrs.Shamily K.S, (d) Mr. Suresh K.N, Addressed at:** Door No.396, Khatha No.396/1, Kolihalli Village, Hirehalli Post, Tumakuru-572104. **(2) Mr. Kempegowda G.R,** S/o Rajanna Gulapura, **(3) Mrs. Padma G.R,** W/o Suresh K.N, **No.2 and 3 are residing at:-** Door No.396, Khatha No.396/1, Kolihalli Village, Hirehalli Post, Tumakuru-572104, **(4) Mrs. Shamily K.S,** W/o Mr. Kemgegowda G.R, **Residing at:** Thyamagondu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Gulapura, Tumakuru-562132, **(5) Mr. Suresh K.N** S/o Late Najundaiah, **Residing at:** Door No.396, Khatha No.396/1, Kolihalli Village, Hirehalli Post, Tumakuru-572104. **Loan A/c Nos.:** **(I) Mr. Suresh K N (Bengaluru- Global Village Branch)** **TL A/c No.9667001600008601** **(II) M/s. Ashwa Foods (Bengaluru–Kaggadasapura Branch)** **PSTL A/c No.9457001800000901**	**Total Rs. 1,36,04,298.72** **[(I) Mr. Suresh K N (Bengaluru-Global Village Branch) Rs. 1,20,21,237.92** **07.04.2025 + (II) M/s. Ashwa Foods (Bengaluru–Kaggadasapura Branch) Rs. 15,83,060.80** **17.02.2024]**	**02.07.2024 and 19.03.2024** **Constructive**	All that piece and parcel of middle portion of Industrial land bearing **Panchayat Khata No.396/1, E-Khata No. 152500902101020049** (PID No. 152500902101020037 as per Partition Deed), in Sy. No. 117/5, totally admeasuring 14,145 sq ft (102.50 fts X 138 fts.) together with sheet roofed Godown building constructed thereon situated at Kolihalli Village, Hirehalli Grama Panchayath, Urdigere Hobli, Tumakuru-572122. **Belonging to Mr. Suresh K.N. Boundaries of Property: East by :** Property belonging to 6th party Mr. Manjunatha K.N, **West by:** Property belonging to 4th party Mr. Neelakantaiah K.N, **North by:** Common Road & 8th party, **South by:** Property of Mrs. Lakshmamma & Mrs. Thopamma. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 13.266880, 77.176818**	**Rs. 1,70,60,000/-**	**Rs. 17,06,000 /-**	**12.45 P M to 1.05 P M**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Global Village A/c No. 9663500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000966**

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Date : 03.05.2025
Place: Bengaluru

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Committed to implementation of internal reservation: CM

Siddaramaiah launches comprehensive caste survey targeting SCs to gather empirical data on sub-caste demographics

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Reiterating his government's commitment to providing internal reservation for Scheduled Castes, as declared in the 2023 election manifesto, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched a comprehensive caste survey targeting Scheduled Castes (SCs) to gather empirical data on sub-caste demographics, in Bengaluru on Monday.

Addressing the media, he said the exercise would be held in three stages, and aims to ensure equitable distribution of reservation benefits and to uphold social justice. A one-member commission headed by retired High Court judge H.N. Nagamohan Das is overseeing the process.

The commission is expected to submit its report within 60 days of data collection, after which the government will finalise reservation policies. A 24/7 dedicated helpline - 8481359000 - has been set up for public queries.

The survey will be held between Monday and May 23, in three different ways to ensure all members of the SC population are covered.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addressing a press conference at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

"The government is committed to implementing internal reservation within SC communities based on accurate data," Mr. Siddaramaiah said. "The 2011 census lacked detailed sub-caste information, making this exercise necessary for fair policy decisions."

"Over 65,000 teachers have been deployed as enumerators, with one supervisor assigned for every 10-12 surveyors," the Chief Minister said, urging citizens to provide correct sub-caste details either during home visits, at designated camps, or via online submission.

Fact sheet

- May 5 to May 17 — Door-to-door visits
- May 19 to May 21 — Special camps
- May 19 to May 23 — Online self-declaration option

The move follows a Supreme Court ruling on August 1, 2024, allowing States to introduce internal quotas for SCs based on empirical evidence.

The H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission had earlier stressed the need for verified population data before such implementation. "This survey ensures no community is left behind in Karnataka's development journey," the Chief Minister added.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Ministers H.C. Mahadevappa and K.H. Muniyappa, Political Secretary Nasir Ahmed, and Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh were present.

Mapping process focuses on ensuring 'authenticity, accuracy'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The mapping of socio-economic, educational and employment status of Scheduled Caste communities in the State, which began on Monday, lays emphasis on ensuring "authenticity and accuracy" of the survey through the use of technology. This gains significance in the wake of allegations that the Socio-Economic and Educational Survey (caste census) did not cover all the families, and doubts were also raised by the Opposition parties and various community organisations about the accuracy of its findings.

The mapping of SC families is not only being done through a mobile app but also includes several measures to ensure accuracy.

The Aadhaar or ration card numbers of the families, being mapped, will have to be entered during the enumeration to authenticate the identity of the families being mapped, according to the survey handbook.

There have been allegations that the Socio-Economic and Educational Survey (caste census) did not cover all families

The enumerators will also have to click the picture of the head of the family and upload it on the app. After the completing of the survey, the enumerators will have to read out the contents/data that have been uploaded to the families and get their consent to ensure accuracy.

After the entire process is completed, the head of the family that has been surveyed will get an application number on his/her mobile. The enumerators will have to upload this application number and the picture of signature of the head of the family made on a paper and press the submit button, according to the survey handbook.

PDS godowns to get CCTV cameras to plug leakage

The installation of CCTV cameras in godowns, GPS-based vehicle tracking systems, and a command control system will cost ₹5 crore. FILE PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To plug leakage in the public distribution system, the Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Department has decided to install CCTV cameras in godowns, and set up GPS-based vehicle tracking systems, and a command control system.

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs K.H. Muniyappa on Monday chaired a meeting with the officials and said PDS quota of food would be delivered at the doorsteps of senior citizens aged above 75 under the 'Anna Suvidha' scheme. There are 5.3 lakh beneficiaries.

The installation of CCTV cameras, GPS-based vehicle tracking system, and command control system would cost ₹5 crore.

It was also decided that the electronic weighing machine and point-of-sale system would be synced using Information Technology tools to check the leakage and ensure appropriate distribution of the food items to eligible beneficiaries..

It was decided that transportation cost of Anna Bhagya rice would be hiked from ₹35 to ₹45 per quintal. Priority would be given to set up PDS shops in SC/ST localities, he added.

Demand for law on outsiders buying farmland in Western Ghats

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

Will tightening the norms on the purchase of farmland help in conserving the Western Ghats? This is a question being raised in Karnataka following Uttarakhand's land law amendment with stringent provisions pertaining to the purchase and sale of agricultural/horticulture and residential land by non-residents in 11 hill districts.

Residents of districts in the Western Ghats and environmentalists have demanded the Karnataka government too bring in a similar legislation applicable to the sale of land in the region.

Sahadev S.H., an environmentalist from Chikkamagaluru, has written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre: "It has been increasingly observed that individuals and entities from outside Karnataka are acquiring land in the Western Ghats region solely for commercial purposes such as constructing hotels, resorts, and homestays. These developments often disregard the delicate biodiversity and environmental balance of the region. Unregulated commercial activity contributes to deforestation, water depletion, pollution, and loss of habitat for countless species."

Stakeholders say unregulated commercial activity in the Western Ghats contributes to deforestation, water depletion, pollution, and loss of habitat for countless species. FILE PHOTO

"The Western Ghats, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are not only a treasure trove of biodiversity but also a critical water source and climate stabiliser. It is imperative that we take strong legal measures to preserve this natural heritage for future generations. I request the government of Karnataka to study the recent steps taken by Uttarakhand and enact a similar Bill to regulate and restrict land purchases by outsiders in ecologically sensitive areas of the Western Ghats. This will ensure that the region's ecological integrity is maintained and protected from commercial exploitation," he said.

T.V. Ramachandra from the Indian Institute of Science concurred, saying: "It is implementable and we need to do it as early as possible. Hope our decision makers understand the need to preserve ecologically fragile regions to sustain water and other natural resources, and more importantly to sustain livelihood of local people."

However, others say it may not be an easy process. Seshadri K.S., faculty, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Bengaluru, said while the sentiment is understandable, banning land purchase will not solve the issue and will be riddled with challenges.

"Firstly, how does one prove one is not a non-resident, or how does one circumvent the problem where a resident has gone out of the State or country and has made money to invest in the purchase of land and convert it to non-agricultural or non-forest purposes? If we have learned anything from history, it is that a ban will only make way for finding clever loopholes," he said.

The Karnataka government pushed back on the eco-sensitive area identified by the Madhavi Gadgil Report and got another committee by the late K. Kasturirangan, which downsized Gadgil's recommendation, and yet, the report has not been implemented. The primary reason for the pushback and delay is the conflict between nature and development, he said.

"There is a need to open our minds to unconventional solutions to find the middle ground to protect ecologically sensitive areas and also navigate the development aspirations," said Mr. Seshadri, adding that at a landscape scale, the administration could explore ways of offering protection to forests by recognising areas such as sacred groves as Community Conservation Reserves and ensure protection.

Benefits of scheme for reviving NPA account not permissible when MSME is closed: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has said that benefits of the scheme for restructuring or revival/rehabilitation of a bank account, which has become a non-performing asset (NPA), of a micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) is permissible only if the MSME is functioning.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while rejecting a petition filed by M/s Metro Steel Section, which has questioned the proceedings initiated by the State Bank of India to recover about ₹18.5 crore loan due to the bank from the petitioner-firm.

It was contended on behalf of the petitioner that the benefit of rectification and restructuring of loan amount as has been provided in the notification, issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in 2015 under Section 19 of the MSME Development Act, 2006, ought to have been considered prior to resorting to recovering proceedings under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

However, the High Court said that the benefit of the RBI's notification and its interpretation by the apex court in the case of Pro Knits vs. Board of Directors of Canara Bank would not be available to the petitioner-firm as it was already closed when the bank resorted to recovery proceedings as stipulated in the 2015 notification of the RBI.

The court also pointed out that during the pendency of its petition, the petitioner-firm communicated to the bank indicating that it had wound up the business and closed the operation two years ago. "If the firm has wound up the business and closed the operations two years ago, it cannot take the benefit of the firm being a MSME and the notifications issued under the MSMED Act or even the judgement of the apex court in Pro Knits case," the court said.

'Prepare revival plans for sugar units'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has instructed Finance Department officials to prepare plans for providing financial support to Krishna Cooperative Sugar Factory in Athani taluk in Belagavi, Nandi Cooperative Sugar Factory in Babaleshwar, and Bhimashankar Cooperative Sugar Factory in Indi taluk of Vijayapura district.

While the Krishna Cooperative Sugar Factory will require ₹192 crore, the Nandi Cooperative Sugar Factory needs ₹150 crore. The Bheemashankar Cooperative Sugar factory needs ₹130 crore. The total amount required by the three factories would be ₹472 crore.

Minister for Industries M.B. Patil, Sugar and Agriculture Marketing Minister Shivanand S. Patil, and Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil attended a meeting chaired by the Chief Minister to revive the sugar factories.

The Krishna Cooperative Sugar Factory and the Nandi Cooperative Sugar Factory have plans to set up cogeneration plants for producing 27 MW and 37 MW, respectively, Mr. M.B. Patil said.

It is said that both sugar factories needed financial support for releasing pending dues to sugarcane growers, among others.

The Chief Minister told officials of the Finance Department to prepare a revival package by holding discussions with the National Cooperative Development Corporation officials.

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-3, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.

No. DGM-3/BSWML/Tend/02/25-26 Date: 05.05.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK KPP Only)

The Deputy General Manager-3, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible tenderers for the Project management consultancy services for the works mentioned in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for services through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz. https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified is as per KC-6 of standard bidders documents. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimate amount of works (Rs. In Lakhs)	Duration (Including Monsoon)	EMD Amount in Rs.
1	Appointment of PMC for the work of Village development works in Yeshwanthapura constituency around Seegehalli, Kannahalli & Doddabidrakallu waste processing plants. Village development works in Anekal & Bengaluru South constituency around waste Chikkanagamangala waste processing plant. Village development works in Yeshwanthapura constituency around Subbarayanapalya, Lingadeeranahalli waste processing plants (Call-3)	7500.00	12 Months	1,50,000.00

Calendar of Events:

1. Last date to upload pre-bid queries: 12.05.2025 upto 17.30 Hrs. in KPP Portal.
2. Pre bid meeting: 13.05.2025 at 15.00 Hrs at the office of CE & CGM (Tech), BSWML, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore.
3. Last date for submission of the bids: 16.05.2025 upto 16.00 Hrs.
4. Date of opening of Technical bid on : 17.05.2025 at 16.30 Hrs.
5. Date of opening of Financial bids to be notified to technically qualified bidders.

1. The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderers responsibility to verify the KPP portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. KPP portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/22373788. The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of KPP portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches.
2. Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPP portal only.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-3
BSWML

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Dr. V.VIJAYALAKSHMI
M.Sc., M.Phil., M.Ed., D.H.Ed. Ph. D.
(Retired Prof. of Zoology)

A fountainhead of knowledge, source of inspiration, & guiding light for many. While your zest for life & family was cut short, your memories live on forever in our hearts.

Deeply missed & remembered by

Radhakrishnan, Ravi, Madhan, Manju, Sushma, Uma, Suren, Shruti, Shreya, Shweta, Darshan, Arjun

and the rest of your Family, Relatives, Friends & Employees

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You are putatively gone, but you permeate every breath and thought by the exemplary nature of your lived life.
We are privileged to be born to you, related to you, nay even just know you. You crafted the epic bildungsroman; heroic in life, even more heroic in death!
Happy, monumental journey, indomitable warrior!

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Venue : Manandi Samskriti Sadana 285A, 9th Main Rd, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560041.

Members of various trade unions taking part in a rally to mark the International Labour Day, in Bengaluru. PTI

Tracing the evolution of India's labour laws

How does one balance ease of doing business with labour rights in a globalised economy? Experts and activists weighed in on this question at a May Day event

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

Karnataka recently saw two major developments which are significant milestones for the labour movement in the state. On May Day, services of more than 12,000 pourakarmikas were regularised. In another significant development, the Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2024, was cleared by the cabinet in April which is now expected to be introduced as an ordinance. Once passed, the Act is expected to bring a certain level of social security to the 20-lakh odd platform-based gig workers of the state.

The nature of India's labour force has been changing, so has been the country's economy. There have been allegations of dilution of labour rights with the spotlight moving to 'growth' and 'ease of doing business' post liberalisation. The labour codes introduced in 2019 and 2020 have faced opposition from trade unions including the BMS.

"How do we see the labour force as well as the idea of gig workers and platform workers along with the idea of ease of doing business? How does it attract capital? How do we ensure there is more employment and look at protection of labour rights?"

These were some of the questions posed by Poornima Hatti, Senior Partner at Samvad Partners, who moderated a session on Evolution of Labour Laws in India on May Day.

A clamour for change

It was in 1990 that the India adopted the new economic policy which embraced liberalisation, globalisation and privatisation. Simultaneously rose a demand for changes in the labour laws.

"The argument put forth by the World Bank, the economic think tanks and others who are pro-industrial was that India's labour laws were framed in colonial times, and are antiquated," said Ramapriya Gopalakrishnan, advocate, Madras High Court.

Some of these laws included The Industrial Disputes Act 1947, The Trade Unions Act of 1926, and The Workmen's Compensation Act 1923.

It was also argued that the labour laws hindered ease of doing business and encouraged 'inspector-Raj.' The laws were termed restrictive, rigid, and an impediment to rapid growth.

The informal route

While no reforms were introduced immediately through legislative acts, Gopalakrishnan points out that the pattern of employment in establishments drastically changed, giving rise to a large informal workforce.

"A large chunk of workers are in disguised employment. Workers in informal work arrangements are employed in big industries such as automobiles, manufacturing and so on, in the organised sector," noted Gopalakrishnan who added that the same was true of the public sector as well. "In public sector also, you see that since the 1990s, there is significant drop in the number of permanent workers, while there is a drastic increase in the number of workers in informal work arrangements."

Gopalakrishnan recounted coming across workers who have been working as 'probationers', 'apprentices' or 'trainees' for almost 15 years, during her field work.

"These are not apprentices under the Apprentices Act. Many are called contract labourers and are engaged through a third-party contract to shift responsibilities. Sometimes people are given fancy labels such as 'food delivery manager. These kinds of managerial designations are given at times with the intention of bringing them outside the scope of the labour laws."

A woman labourer working at a quarry unit by carrying her child on the back on hot day on Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. FILE PHOTO

In the T.K. Rangarajan vs. Government of Tamil Nadu case, it was ruled that government employees do not have the legal, fundamental, moral or equitable right to strike. FILE PHOTO

There have been allegations of dilution of labour rights with the spotlight moving to 'growth' and 'ease of doing business' post liberalisation. FILE PHOTO

What does the increase in such informal work arrangements mean for workers' rights?

"It means they can be hired and fired at will. It is very difficult for them to get organised, to raise their voice, and to engage in collective bargaining," she explained.

Role of judiciary

Since 2000s, a discernible shift in judicial approach towards the issue also started becoming palpable, Gopalakrishnan said.

In the SAIL judgement 2001, the constitution bench of Supreme Court ruled that The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 did not mandate the automatic absorption of contract labour into the regular establishment of the principal employer when contract labour is prohibited.

The Secretary, State of Karnataka v. Umadevi (2006) judgement said that the employees appointed on a temporary basis do not have a fundamental right to claim permanent employment or equal pay with regular employees. While the judgment was aimed at preventing backdoor entries, the ruling has since then been misused widely. In the T.K. Rangarajan vs. Government of Tamil Nadu case, it was ruled that government employees do not have the legal, fundamental, moral or equitable right to strike.

"This is against the ILO principles which India is expected to follow. There are a number of similar judgements on issues relating to back wages, reinstatement and so on. Each of these judgements contributed to diluting workers' rights," Gopalakrishnan said.

New labour codes

"Finally, acceding to the demands of the pro-reform lobby, in 2019 and 2020 the goverment introduced the four labour codes - the code of wages 2019, the code on occupational safety and health and working conditions of 2020, the code on social security and the industrial regulations code." All the 29 existing labour laws were consolidated under the four new codes. While they have been passed by both houses of the parliament and notified by the president, they have not yet come into force.

According to Gopalakrishnan, the new labour codes introduce significant changes in the labour laws most of which are 'employer-friendly' and tilt the balance towards ease of doing business over labour rights.

"The industrial relations code, for example, imposes the requirement of framing standing orders only in industrial establishments with 300 or more workers employees. Right now, it's 100. That leaves workers at the mercy of the employers," she argued.

The Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2024, was hailed as a major milestone in ensuring social security of platform-based gig workers and is expected to set a precedent now for other states to follow. While it is a welcome move, Babu Mathew, Founder Member of Centre for Labour Studies, NLS, criticised that the bill is far too inadequate in ensuring minimum rights of the workers.

Talking about the working conditions of platform-based gig workers, he pointed out that on an average a worker is required to work for not less than 12 hours a day in order to earn minimum wage.

"The minimum wage in India is grossly underestimated including in a place like Karnataka because the yardstick that must be followed for calculating the minimum wage or quantifying the minimum wage is rarely observed. In Bangalore, it is now around Rs 15,000 rupees whereas if you actually follow the norms that are laid down, it will be nothing less than double that," he said.

Platform-based gig workers are not full-time employees and fall outside the traditional employer-employee relationship, many a time leading to instances of instances of worker neglect and exploitation in the absence of the protection of labour laws.

Social Security Code

The Social Security Code 2020 defines a gig worker as a person who performs work or participates in a work arrangement and earns from such activities outside of a traditional employer-employee relationship. Mathew terms this 'a definitional trap' which deprives a whole category of workers from the application of labour law. He pointed out that this is now being disputed in different parts of the world including in European Union and has come to the attention of ILO too.

"The ILO also has been taking note of the fact that there is disguised employment. They are now doing a research in order to find out what is the existing condition of gig and platform workers and what is it that it ought to be done. They are doing this gap analysis in order to prepare for an ILO convention which is to come into force in 2025," he said.

With respect to the Karnataka Gig Workers Bill, he criticised how the bill failed to invoke other legislations for the protection of platform-based gig workers.

"The welfare board is presided over by a large number of government nominees. Even civil society people are government nominees and as a result you can be sure the majority of the members on that welfare board will be those who are not sympathetic to the people that we are talking about."

He further pointed out that not only do the workers have to work for 12 hours to earn minimum wage, but the indefinite wait time after logging in is discounted.

"Internationally this has been recognized as a bad practice and more and more opinion is emerging that you must not only cover direct work but also the waiting time. Considering all of that the type of wages being paid now is very inadequate."

"So, on the one hand this first attempt towards income protection is welcome, but it is far too inadequate and there is need to make sure that there should be a floor level of minimum rights and that should be available not only to platform workers but to all informal workers."

Emversity secures ₹50 lakh in Pre-series A led by Lightspeed and Z47

The funding comes on the back of a breakout first year for Emversity in which it expanded its footprint to 36 campuses across 18 Indian States

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Beyond Odds Technologies, parent of the skill-based training and higher-education platform Emversity, announced the close of a ₹50 lakh Pre-Series A round. The round was led by Z47 and Lightspeed, with participation from Alteria Capital and Innoven Capital.

The funding comes on the back of a breakout first year for Emversity in which it expanded its footprint to 36 campuses across 18 Indian States. The company has also launched Travel & Hospitality and is aiming to end the current financial year with more than 75 campuses.

Under the 'Emversity School of Allied Health Sciences', students train for roles such as nurses, therapists, caregivers, OT technicians, lab technicians, paramedics and other allied-health professionals. The newly launched 'Emversity School of Hospitality' has partnered with two large hotel chains to offer skill-based training in rooms, F&B service, and culinary at nine campuses starting this year.

Founded by Vivek Sinha, former COO of Unacademy, Emversity attempts to bridge the skilled-workforce gap in industries by embedding work-integrated, technology-driven training into degree programs at Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Its model tackles what Sinha calls the "three-pronged problem" in the higher-education-to-workforce pipeline: capacity shortage, inaccessibility due to prohibitive fees and misaligned curriculum.

"Millions of roles in healthcare, hospitality and construction lie vacant, while one-third of graduates remain unemployed," Sinha explains. "Our employer-sponsored stipend model solves accessibility, industry co-designed curriculum ensures relevance, and our Centres of Excellence expand capacity."

"In a sector full of broken promises, quality and outcomes are our biggest differentiators. We stay obsessed with best-in-class training and employment results; scale will follow," he adds.

Vivek Sinha, Founder, Emversity

Commenting on the investment, Harsha Kumar, Partner at Lightspeed said, "Vivek and his team are bridging a systemic gap between education and employment by aligning training infrastructure with real industry demand, creating a more job ready workforce for critical sectors. What excites me the most is the non-linear impact Emversity can unlock by connecting global demand with the talent pipeline that they are developing."

Rajat Agarwal, Managing Director at Z47, led the investment, alongside Chandrasekhar Venugopal, Principal at Z47. Venugopal commented. Rajat and I are privileged to partner with Vivek and the team at Emversity as they take on this hard, but critical problem facing the country. From the first meeting, Vivek's insight on fixing the education-employment gap through a job relevant pedagogy stood out. In under a year, he's taken Emversity from this insight to national scale, with real outcomes and smart unit economics. At Z47 we are thrilled to go deeper on this journey with Vivek as Emversity scales in size and impact."

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MAY 6, 1975

Ropeway at Shravanabelagola Proposed

Mysore, May 5: A Rs. Seven lakh schemes to put up a ropeway at Shravanabelagola to reach Lord Gomateshwara would be implemented soon, said Mr. M.D. Mariputtanna, Managing Director of Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation here yesterday.

Talking to newsmen he said this scheme would be implemented in two or three stages.

Under the Western Ghat Development Scheme, the Union Government had sanctioned Rs. One lakh and with this a mini bus would be bought and stationed at Talguppa for the convenience of tourists visiting Jog Falls. With another Rs. 4.5 lakhs made available by the Centre under the scheme was proposed to construct a tree-top restaurant at the Nagarhole game sanctuary, some cottages at western ghats and improving illumination at K.R. Sagar.

Action was being taken to centralise booking of accommodation for tourists which was now being managed by different departments.

The Indian Institute of Design at Ahmedabad had been requested to prepare a master plan for the development of the exhibition complex, Nehru Loka in Mysore City and the International tourist complex at the north bank of K.R. Sagar.

Thriller with a touch of supernatural

Khushee Ravi, says working with Ramesh Indira on the Kannada web series, *Ayyana Mane*, was a breeze

Power-packed Khushee Ravi in stills for the series. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shilpa Anandraj

The web series, *Ayyana Mane,* starring Khushee Ravi, Akshya Nayak and Manasi Sudheer is written and directed by Ramesh Indira. "I play an innocent girl, Jaaji, who marries Dushyantha (played by Akshya Nayak) to become part of the sprawling Ayyana Mane household," says Khushee.

"Jaaji values traditions, family values but is also curious and starts digging into the family's past, which leads to many discoveries and the family's dark secrets come tumbling out. Will she get embroiled in the darkness she discovers or not forms the crux of the story."

Khushee, who has just returned to Bengaluru, post the completion of shooting is a known name in Kannada film and theatre circles.

Khushee played the titular role in the 2020 Kannada film, *Dia*, and won accolades for portraying a brooding introvert. The film, released on digital platforms during the pandemic, was one of the most viewed films of the time.

Khushee made her feature film debut with the Kannada film *The Great Story of Sodabuddi*, in 2016 and went on to act in films such as *Spooky College, Nakshe,* and the Telugu film, *Pindam*.

Set in the 1990s, *Ayyana Mane* is shot in Chikamagalur and showcases local culture. Khushee describes *Ayyana Mane* as a mystery thriller with a touch of the paranormal. The six episode series is the first commissioned Kannada web series, Khushee says. "Here is hoping that there will be many more."

Working with Ramesh Indira, whose name is synonymous with Kannada serials and cinema, Khushee says was a breeze. "I always wanted to work with him as I was familiar with his work. Even if you are unprepared but know your lines, he will make sure to bring out the best in you."

It is great to work with a director who has absolute clarity about what they want from an actor, says Khushee. "Ramesh's fame with *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello,* where he plays the antagonist, put him in the spotlight as an actor. I had seen his work as a director and a writer and now to see him on screen as an actor, was mind-boggling."

Ramesh being adept in all these roles, makes him a director par excellence, Khushee says. "I was thrilled when he offered me the role in *Ayyana Mane*."

Ramesh's writing is strong, says Khushee. "Women always take the centre stage inhis stories, be it his films, serials or a web series, like *Ayyana Mane*."

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>
> **KHUSHEE RAVI**
> ACTOR

Khushee, who still reels from the success of *Dia*, says, "I owe everything to the film and its director, KS Ashoka. To be identified with a character portrayed on screen even after five years, only shows how much people have connected with the story."

However, Khushee says, "It is time to keep that aside and create some new stories and characters with which I again hope to createthe same impact. *Dia* is and will always remain special to me."

Khushee, who is working in other south Indian films, says every film industry is special. "Each has its own strengths and plus points. The added edge in the Telugu film industry is that they spoil you rotten on sets."

Though today she is in the spotlight, Khushee is in no hurry to add numbers to her credit and looks for meaningful roles and powerful stories. This, she says, is because she comes from a theatre background.

"I trained under B Jayashree and worked with her in Spandana theatre group. Theatre changes you from inside and out. In the end, all that matters is stories, characters and their powerful portrayals on screen. I knew in my heart that I would not thrive in a nine-to-five job. I knew that acting is something I always wanted to pursue."

In cinema, she looks forward to the release of the Kannada film *Full Meals* and *Son of Muthanna*.

Ayyana Mane is currently streaming on Zee5

CITYBEATS

Folk-front

MAY 8
Get a peek into the lives of traditional Lavani artistes from matriarchal communities with *Liberate Through Lavani*. The event will feature a lecture by Bhushan Korgaonkar with audio-visual presentations that explore the significance of Lavani in modern times.
Open to those 18 and above. At Atta Galatta, Indiranagar, 7pm. Tickets on BookMyShow.

Table it

ONGOING
Salt Indian Restaurant Bar & Grill, presents its latest culinary concept, Buffet at the Table, where you can avoid traipsing back and forth. Available on weekdays, the menu features soups, chaats, starters, curries, daals, biryani and more in vegetarian and non-vegetarian options.
At all Salt Indian Restaurant Bar & Grill outlets in the city.

Creative expressions

ONGOING
Badrunissa Irfan's latest exhibition *Whimsical Worlds* is a collection of paintings that she says 'seamlessly blend tradition and modernity'. Known for her distinctive style and innovative approach to art, Badrunissa has curated a diverse collection that reflects her connection to ature.
On at Sublime Galleria, UB City, till June 2. Entry fee ₹50 per person.

In a state of becoming

Ruth Dhanaraj

Being part of an international event always brings a sense of validation, no matter how nonchalant or jaded one may profess to be. For Bengaluru-based artist Amrish Malvankar, who exhibited his works for the second time at the recently concluded World Art Fair in Dubai, the experience was nothing less than self affirming.

The artist says he "always had an inclination to paint," but since his family frowned on it as a career choice, he "took up the next best option – architecture." However, he continued to paint and his artworks piled up at his residence, until one day his wife Tarunjeet encouraged him to hold an exhibition.

In 2009, he held his first show at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, and there has been no looking back since. Amrish quit his job and took up the palette on a full-time basis.

"I generally work on compositional abstracts," says Amrish. "I experiment with colours, how each hue balances with another and how they play with human psychology. I started working with abstract figuratives in 2023."

The high appreciation his work garnered at the World Art Fair in Dubai last year, encouraged Amrish to continue with his artistic explorations, and in the current series, he has made a foray into cubism.

True colours Amrish Malvankar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"My main medium is always acrylic, but I also use other material such as charcoal and its powder as well oil pastels and pigments, to fine tune and balance out a piece."

Talking about his process, Amrish says, "Architects are taught to be observant and architecture brings a discipline to your design and thought process. Whenever I see an interesting play of colours, such as in a sunset, I lay out all my paints and mix them on canvas, trying to capture them as best as I can."

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> **AMRISH MALVANKAR**
> ARTIST

He adds that those are the initial steps and he keeps working on a piece, refining it as it evolves, till he feels it is finally complete.

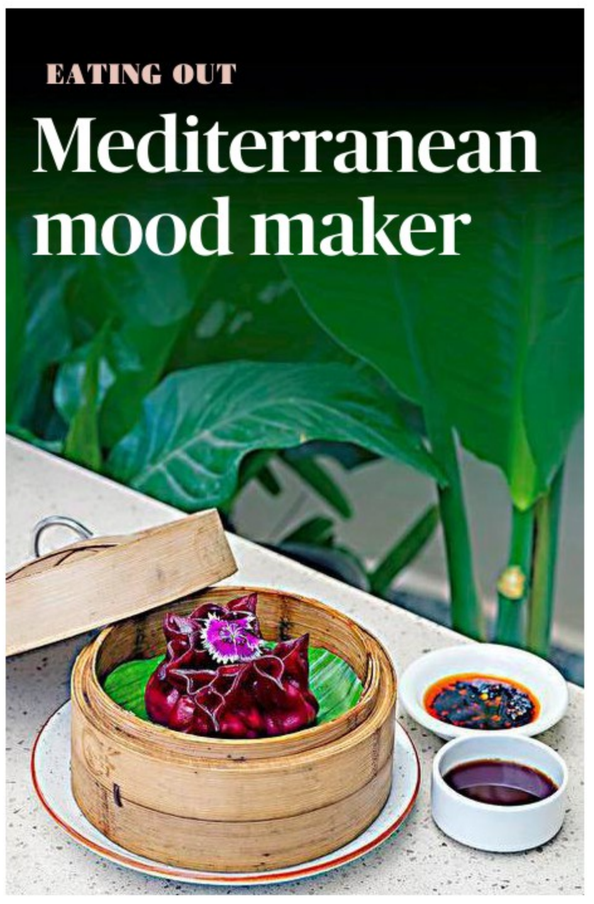
The self-taught artist says one of things he enjoys the most at his shows are the observations of children. "What they see in a work of art is something I would never have thought of. They have an amazing perspective, a fantastic imagination and the confidence to voice what they see."

"I would love to paint a circle and a stick and have the confidence of a child to say it is a tree. I enjoy my interactions with them and always find them encouraging."

Anagha Maareesha

EATING OUT

Mediterranean mood maker



New world vibes Get a taste of global and regional cuisine at Lumara. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Lumara
MG Road
Ph: 9980586699
Hits: Sulaimani cocktail
Misses: Crispy lotus stem
Cost for two: ₹2,000

Lumara is derived from the word lumen, meaning light. This is where the new resto-bar in Bengaluru takes its name. Its interiors are a play of light, shadows and textures. Located at a busy intersection on MG Road, it is in the heart of the city.

The 9,000 square feet of space is designed in Mediterranean style of architecture. Arjun Hegde, co-founder and owner, says, "Upon first discovering the space, I was captivated when I stepped onto the terrace – it all fell into place. The open nature of the venue was inspired by Bengaluru's perfect weather, while my upbringing during my childhood in Dubai influenced the wave-like architecture, evoking sand dunes. Furthermore, the bar is designed to resemble a desert cave." The curved walls feel like sand dunes, the earth-toned light fixtures feel rustic. The centrepiece is the bar. Crafted from fibre, it is made to look like a seaside cave.

I pop in on a busy weekday for a quick lunch. The interiors are captivating, and I am told look even better at night. But the noise from the street and the metro going past a few metres away filters through. I take a seat in the outdoor section to enjoy the weather.

The cocktail menu has signature cocktails, and classics with a twist. I spot interesting ingredients: an espresso martini with hazelnut syrup and Margaritas with rose petals and saffron. I start with a vintage gimlet. It contains gin, fresh grapefruit juice, elderflower syrup and a cocktail-shrub made of coriander, chilli and citrus. A gimlet is usually rather plain and this is pleasantly floral and herby.

Another signature drink here is the Sulaimani, Lumara's take on a Long Island Iced Tea. It includes vodka, rum, gin, Tequila, lime juice, orange marmalade, and tea. For my next drink I try sorbet soiree. The pink-hued number has gin, lime juice, sparkling wine, thyme and rose bitters. Pretty, and also packs in a punch.

The food menu is global with something for everyone. I notice a few of the usuals like crispy lotus stem, *malai* broccoli and pad Thai. But there are also some regional delicacies. Cafreal chicken skewers are marinated in Goan cafreal masala, which is vibrant green and spicy. I also enjoy the Chettinad *melagu* mushroom, cooked in a black pepper and curry leaf sauce.

Almost as a palate cleanser after the spicy dishes, we have the cream cheese and chili dumplings. The casing of the dumplings is made from beetroot and have a nice purple hue. The filing is creamy with a hint of chilli.

For mains, they offer an assortment of dishes from across the world and India. Saoji chicken, an aromatic curry from Nagpur, is not for the faint hearted. The spice blend in the curry is made of red chillies and black pepper.

Another dish to try is the amok trey with jasmine rice. The Cambodian dish is made of fish cooked in a coconut milk curry. The notes of lemongrass, kaffir lime and turmeric are subtle and add a brightness to the dish. I skip dessert after my indulgent meal.

The atmosphere of Lumara is a visual delight. Sounds from the busy street are distracting, but the good vibes of the place and the warm service win me over. Visit on a summer evening so you can make the most of Bengaluru's weather.

Karnataka becoming a haven for criminals: Shobha Karandlaje

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Expressing concern over the recent incidents of crime in the State, Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, and Labour & Employment, Shobha Karandlaje, on Monday, alleged that Karnataka was fast becoming a haven for criminals.

She said that earlier, people of southern States used to talk about the high crime rate in Bihar. "But now, the situation has completely changed, with Bihar becoming peaceful. However, Karnataka is witnessing crime and murders almost on a daily basis," she alleged.

She said that criminals have a good time in Karnataka whenever the Congress, led by Mr. Siddaramaiah as the Chief Minister, forms the government in the State. Instead of acting tough, the Siddaramaiah-led government has withdrawn those cases which were filed in relation to the criminal cases, she alleged. Ms. Karandlaje also inaugurated a campaign by signing the petition that urged Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to direct the Congress government in the State to send Pakistani citizens residing in Karnataka back to their country.

'Centre will spend ₹2 lakh cr. to develop NHs in Telangana'

Gadkari lays foundation stones for several new national highways and underpasses

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Union Minister of Road Transport and National Highways Nitin Gadkari has promised to change the landscape of Telangana by spending an estimated ₹2 lakh crore for developing national highways in the next four years.

The Minister pointed out that in the last 10.5 years, the Centre had built 2,600 km of new national highways which is more than double the length of the 2,500 km that was existing before 2014 by spending an estimated ₹1.25 lakh crore. Mr. Gadkari laid foundation stones for several new national highways and underpasses, besides also inaugurating the BHEL and Amberpet flyovers in the capital at a total cost of ₹6,100 crore. He also participated in two public meetings, one at Sirpur Kagaznagar and another at Amberpet here on Monday.

Union Minister of Road Transport and National Highways Nitin Gadkari at the inauguration of a flyover in Sangareddy on Monday.
MOHD ARIF

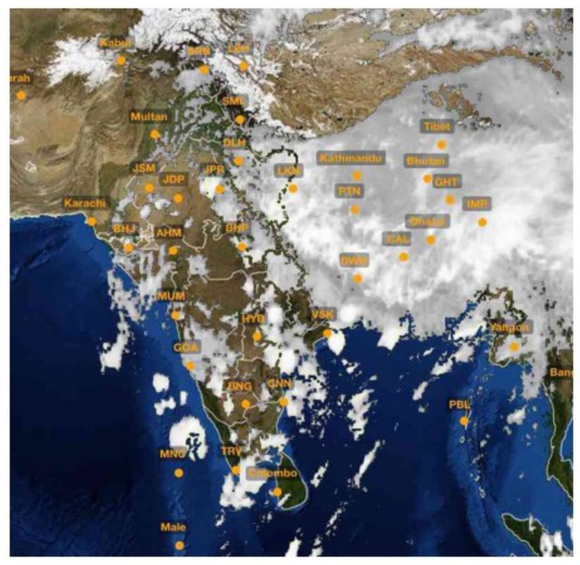
"The Modi government is committed to the development of Telangana in conjunction with the State government here. It is because of the national highways work taken up in the last few years that what used to take 12 hours to reach Hyderabad from the districts is now taking just 4/5 hours. The new highway works under way will further reduce the distances between various cities," he claimed.

Among the ongoing works are – Green Express corridor with 770 km between Indore and Hyderabad and expected to be thrown open next year passing through Kamareddy, Medak and Sangareddy. Kashmir to Kanyakumari link will be established with plans to build a highway from Surat to Nasik, Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Kurnool, Hyderabad, Chennai and Kanyakumari with 1,100 km passing through Telangana.

Mr. Kishan Reddy, in his address, said development of roads is the key to country's progress.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rain likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Punjab, Delhi, Odisha, Telangana, Kerala and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	4	35.4	23.6	Kozhikode	—	34.5	27.4
Ahmedabad	—	38.7	27.0	Kurnool	—	42.1	26.3
Aizawl	—	32.1	19.2	Lucknow	—	34.9	25.6
Allahabad	—	39.3	24.7	Madurai	—	38.0	24.5
Bengaluru	—	32.8	22.4	Mangaluru	—	33.8	26.6
Bhopal	1	35.5	22.0	Mumbai	—	33.7	26.6
Bhubaneswar	—	36.7	25.0	Mysuru	—	34.0	20.2
Chandigarh	1.4	26.4	21.0	New Delhi	—	32.3	23.2
Chennai	—	34.6	26.0	Patna	—	36.3	25.6
Coimbatore	—	33.2	23.8	Port Blair	11	31.6	25.2
Dehradun	3.4	31.8	18.8	Puducherry	—	32.8	23.0
Gangtok	15	22.0	13.8	Pune	—	40.7	23.6
Goa	—	37.0	27.0	Raipur	—	38.2	25.6
Guwahati	0.2	32.8	23.4	Ranchi	6	32.8	19.2
Hubballi	—	40.0	21.0	Shillong	3	20.7	14.0
Hyderabad	—	39.2	24.0	Shimla	19	17.5	10.5
Imphal	—	31.5	25.5	Srinagar	0.1	23.4	11.0
Jaipur	—	35.2	25.1	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.4	27.7
Kochi	—	31.2	24.0	Tiruchi	—	37.1	22.6
Kohima	—	19.8	15.4	Vijayawada	25	35.4	24.0
Kolkata	—	36.1	26.0	Visakhapatnam	0.9	34.9	24.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.13	.31	.22	166	142	
Bengaluru	6	17	37	91	101	
Chennai	14	18	44	57	54	
Delhi	13	32	197	67	110	
Hyderabad	8	73	30	66	70	
Kolkata	6	33	23	63	64	
Lucknow	11	44	51	108	133	
Mumbai	20	16	24	56	92	
Pune	—	35	34	60	108	
Visakhapatnam	31	79	43	90	137	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Gurugram, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 248 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Belgaum, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 24

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Trial of two distinct complaints of cheque dishonour cannot be held together: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two complaints of cheque dishonour filed by different complainants against the same accused with different set of circumstances cannot be tried at one trial by invoking Section 219 of Code of Criminal procedure, which permits trial of same kind of offences occurred within a span of 12 months, said the High Court of Karnataka.

"It is inconceivable as to how the common accused in two complaints filed by two different complainants *albeit* alleging commission of the same offence (Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act), under different circumstances, can seek the benefit of Section 219 or 220 of the Cr.PC," the court observed.

Justice Shivashankar Amarannavar made these observations while dismissing a petition filed by Puttanagouda of Haveri. The petitioner had challenged the order passed by a magistrate court in Hangal taluk in refusing to hold a single trial on the two separate offences registered.

"It is of course true that the magistrate may try together all or any number of charges framed against the accused, if the magistrate so desires, and also if the magistrate is of the opinion that the accused is not likely to be prejudiced by such a course of action. But that does not mean that two cases involving an offence under Section 138 of the NI Act, which are being prosecuted by two different complainants arising from separate causes of action can be tried together only for the reason that the accused person is the same," the court said.

In the present instance, the court pointed out that it is not the case of the petitioner that the two cheques in question were issued in connection with the same transaction or there was anything common between the two cases.

As rightly noticed by the magistrate, the complainants and their witnesses have to be examined in both the cases; and the documents in the two cases have to be marked separately and for all practical purposes the merit of the cases has to be evaluated separately, the court said.

Another child dies of rabies; Kerala seeks changes to ABC rules

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Following the death of one more child from rabies after a stray dog bite, the increasing number of stray dogs in the State is in the spotlight again. A seven-year-old girl from Pathanapuram in Kollam district died at the SAT wing of the Government Medical College Hospital here on Monday despite being administered four doses of anti-rabies vaccination. The mother of child raised the issue of waste dumping near her house which led to stray dogs frequenting the area. As per Minister for Local Self-Governments M.B. Rajesh in the Assembly earlier this year, 3.17 lakh people sought treatment from government hospitals in 2024 for dog bites.

Mr. Rajesh on Monday reiterated his earlier demand to the Union government to amend the Animal Birth Control (ABC) rules to make it less stringent. regarding the conditions for opening ABC centres.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Auction Catalogue No. UBL2WPPAPR25
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites bidders to participate in the E-tender for the following works.
Name of the work with its location : The award of contract for a period of three (3) years, for the operation **of Two Wheeler Premium Parking lot at Hubballi** Railway Stations.
Date & Time of E-Auction : **09-05-2025 at 11:30 hrs.**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in (e-auction portal)
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Hubballi
PUB/77/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **MR. S. STANISLAUS GILBERT** S/o.Mr.S. Stanislaus and **MRS. J PREETHI DIANA** W/o.Mr.S. Stanislaus Gilbert are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder **MR. VISHWANATHA NAIKA K** S/o.Mr.Kumara Naik K; any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the land being a vacant residential Site bearing No. 43 carved out of Sy. No. 12/1 bearing BBMP Khatha No. 03 and converted for residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. B.Dis./ALN(E)SR(KH) 154/09-10 dated: 13/04/2010 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore, situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 35 feet, Measuring in all 1400 sq.ft. and now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.25, and bounded on:-
East by : Site No.40, West by: Road, North by : Site No.42, South by : Site No.44,
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FORM NO. 18.
Notice for appearance in Appeals Order 41 Rule 14 CPC, and Rules 1, 2, 4 and 11 of Chapter IV Karnataka High Court Rules
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the R-5 vide order dated: 09.04.2025
R.S.A.No.852/2019
Nanjaiah, Rep. by his Power of Attorney holder N Ramanna, **.....Appellants**
(By Sri Kashyap.N.Naik & Ors for Agraa Legal - Advs)
-Vs-
Smt Siddamma
dead by LRS Belupamma dead by Lrs Madaiah and Ors., **.....Respondents**
(By Sri Kusum Ranganath -Adv for R-9 to R-11)
(By Sri P.Nataraju and Anr -Advs for R-19)
TO: RESPONDENT NO.5
MAHADEVAMMA, W/o Late Erulli Ningappa, Aged About 64 Years, R/at Gangappa Garden, Bhuvaneshwari Nagara, 1st Main, Hosahalli Ward No. 124, Agrahara, No.124, Sri Balasubramaniya Swamy Nilaya, C/o Kathrappa Smt Jayamma, 1st Floor, Bengaluru 560023.
Appeal from the Judgment and Decree dated 07.03.2019 passed in R.A.No.34/2014 on the file of the Senior Civil Judge, Malavalli.
Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorised by law, to act for you in the above appeal **on 09.06.2025 at 10.30 am** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.
Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, this the **09th Day of April 2025.**
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. Y/E.29/2025-26/04
Dated : 25-04-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Provision of Power supply arrangements for CNC Floor Wheel Lathe at Mysuru	Rs. 35,70,863/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 16-05-2025**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/General Mysuru
PUB/78/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: 06/2025/SBC
Dated : 30-04-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the Supply of following items.
Description in brief : Elastomeric Pads Design-B to RDSO Spec : WD 20-MISC-95 Rev05 as per Drawing No. WD-21109-S-02 Alt-2 or latest.
(Tender No. L8246977A) (Qty : 3600 Nos.)
Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs on 23-05-2025**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Materials Manager Bengaluru
PUB/83/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
YERAMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION
CIN: U40101KA2009PLC049582
No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2744/CALL-3 **Date: 26.04.2025**
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)
Tenders through e-procurement portal mode are invited from the contractor/agencies that are reputed individuals/company and having past experience for the work of **Servicing of Planetary/Gearbox for HP1103 Bowl Mill.** Tender amount: **Rs.99,72,180/-.** EMD: **Rs.2.00 Lakhs**. Period of contract: **12 months**. Last date and time for receipt of tender: **08.05.2025 at 16.30 Hrs.** Interested bidders may submit the bids through e-tendeing website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only. Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer (M-1),** RPCL, Yermarus-584134. Mobile: 94806 82513.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पथ निर्माण विभाग,
पथ प्रमण्डल, डालटनगंज
(E-mail: eercdmedini-jhr@nic.in)
शुद्धि-पत्र
एतद द्वारा सूचित करना है कि इस कार्यालय द्वारा दिनांक–24.04.2025 को विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों के माध्यम से ई–निविदा पत्रांक सं0–**1/RCD/Daltonganj/2025-26/ 401** आमंत्रित की गई है, जिसका **PR No. 351028 Road (25-26)D** है, जिसमें **क्रमांक–4** में अंकित Time of Completion **18 Months** के स्थान पर **24 Months** पढ़ा / समझा जाय। निविदा की अन्य शर्ते यथावत रहेगी।
कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पथ निर्माण विभाग,
पथ प्रमंडल, डाल्टेनगंज।
PR.NO.351689 Road(25-26):D

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES,
Office of the Commissioner, Pashupaalana Bhavana, 1st Floor, Opp. to CBI Office, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560 024.
Email : commissionerahvs@gmail.com **Ph:** 080-23412767
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಆಪಸಂ/ವಿಎಂಎಸ್/ವಿವ– 05/ಉಪಕರಣಗಳು/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 05.05.2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(KPP portal mode only)
The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore hereby invites bids through KPP-portal from eligible bidders FOR SUPPLY OF CHAFF CUTTERS AND COWMATS TO BENEFICIARIES UNDER STATE SECTOR SCHEME FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 for which the tendered Amount is Rs. 982.10 lakhs.
Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from Dt: **05.05.2025** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through KPP portal from **05.05.2025 to 04.06.2025 till 17.30 hours.**
Further information can be obtained from KPP Portal and this office during office hours.
Sd/- Deputy Director, Veterinary Medical Stores, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services
DIPR/CP/494/Zen/2025-26

Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department
Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Departmemt Division Koppal.
Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054 email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com
No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2025-26/1555 Dated: 02-05-2025
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal district invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW-3 and KW-4 on KPP portal for 05 no of tender works pertaining to Koppal and Raichur district. The Approximate amount for the mentioned works Ranges between **Rs.100.00 Lakhs** to **600.00 Lakhs. Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.
For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **08-05-2025.** Last date & time for receipt of tender is **17-05-2025** time 17.30 hours, Pre bid meeting will be held on **15-05-2025,** 11.00 Hours at division office koppal, Date & time for opening of technical bid **19-05-2025** time 11.00 hours, date and time for opening of financial bid **21-05-2025** time 11.00 hours (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).
Sd/-Executive Engineer
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/67/DeshpandePublicity/2025-26

HASSAN CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.HASSAN
Industrial Area, PB NO: 120, B.M Road, Hassan- 573201
Telephone: 08172-240609/296285 Fax: 08172-240640 Email: hamul.icpmktg@gmail.com
INVITATION FOR e-TENDER (IFT)
TENDER NOTIFICATION - TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER
(Two cover system through e-procurement portal only)
NO: HCMU: MKTG/ICE CREAM: TPT TENDER: 387 :2025-26 **Date: 21.04.2025**
Hassan Co-operative Milk Union ltd. Hassan invites e- Tenders for Transportation of Ice cream In Refrigerated Vehicle on Rate/Km Basis for the following.

Sl No	Tender Name	Details	Qty of Ice Cream to be transported
1.	**ICE CREAM Transportation for S.S/ Dealers**	Transportation of Nandini Ice creams variants through Refrigerated Vehicle from Hassan Dairy to Different Destinations Within Karnataka & Outside Karnataka for a period of two years.	UPTO 240 Crates
2.	**ICE CREAM Transportation for S.S/Dealers**	Transportation of Nandini Ice creams variants through Refrigerated Vehicle from Hassan Dairy to Different Destinations Within Karnataka & Outside Karnataka for a period of two years.	UPTO 350 Crates

Calendar of events:

1.	**Access to E-tender Documents**	**23.04.2025 to 22.05.2025 Up to 05.00pm**
2.	**Last Date & Time for tender queries /clarifications**	**22.05.2025 Up to 05.00 pm**
3.	**Last Date & Time for Submission of tenders**	**22.05.2025 Up to 05.00 pm**
4.	**Date & Time for opening of technical bid**	**26.05.2025 at 11.00 AM onwards**
5.	**Place of opening of technical and financial bid**	**Hassan Milk Union ltd Hassan.**

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Interested tenderers may obtain further information at the same address. HCMPSUL will not be responsible for server/website problems if any, late submission/part submission or non-receipt of the same.
2) The tenderers are required to pay the Earnest money deposit (E.M.D) only through http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in procurement portal using any of the four modes given in Tender document for EMD details please refer tender document.
3) Other details may be obtained from the tender document. Technical Clarifications if any may be obtained from Manager (Mktg.)/A.M (Mktg.) ICP FGS at the above address during office hours.
4) The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

For Hassan Cooperative Milk Union Ltd
Sd/- Managing Director

THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY,
(UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)
3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001
NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Pursuant to attachment of Immovable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court, the Special Officer & Competent Authority is issuing notice for e-auction of the immovable property through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.
The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (as mentioned against each auction in the e-portal provided by the Service Provider/Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only).
Short description of the Immovable Property (SPLOCA/AUC(2)/CR/11/2025-26)
Properties are free of all encumbrances and are in the name of Competent Authority appointed by Government and confirmed by the Special Court under KPIDFE Act, 2004. (Khata stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority)

Sl. No.	DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No. 690/2019)	Minimum Bid Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1.	All that piece and parcel of the vacant sites bearing No's.38 & 39, Serpentine Street, Richmond Town, Bengaluru, having PID No's.76-35-38 and 76-35-39, measuring East by 136'+51'+34'9"+25'+31'+6", to the West 193'+11'3+8'6"+33'6" and towards North 5'9"+21'6"+12'6"+43'3" and to the South 52'6" + 53'6" aggregating to 14924 Sq.ft and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Private Property, North by: The Properties facing to Aga Abdullah Road Belonging to the Vendors &, South by: Serpentine Road. Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/SnwegjAGLXRYp2gGA Latitude and Longitude: 12°57'47.6"N 77°36'19.1"E	29,86,00,000/-	2,98,60,000/-	29,86,000/-

Date of Pre-bid meeting & time and Place	Date of Inspection & time	Last Date of Submission of Bids & EMD submission	Date & Time of E Auction
17th June 2025, 3 pm to 4 pm Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01	**18th June 2025 11:00am to 05:00pm**	**20th June 2025 Before 5pm**	**21st June 2025 11 am to 1 pm**

For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560001, e-mail ID: splocaeauction@gmail.com or Contact Mob. No 6364403715.
Sd/-
Date: 02-05-2025
Place: Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/484/Zen/2025-26
The Special Officer & Competent Authority (IMA & Other Scam) Bengaluru, Karnataka

The Hindu Huddle, 2025: India in Dialogue

Schedule, May 9

THE HINDU GROUP

10:00 am
Opening Ceremony

10:15 am - 11:00 am
State and Nation:
Seeking Fairness within Federalism

Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Karnataka

In conversation with
Bageshree S.
Resident Editor, The Hindu

11:05 am - 11:50 am
Fortified State:
Balancing National Security with
Political Expediency

M.K. Narayanan
Former National Security Adviser, India

T.S. Tirumurti
Former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, New York

Moderated by
N. Ravi
Director, Kasturi & Sons

11:55 am - 12:40 pm
Well-Rounded World View:
Finding a Place for Liberal Education
A Special Session Celebrating Frontline@40

Dr. Bhavani S.
Dean of School of Humanities and Performing Arts, Christ University

Dr. Jonathan Gil Harris
Professor, Ashoka University

Dr. Srinath Raghavan
Professor, Ashoka University

Sudheesh Venkatesh
Managing Editor, Azim Premji Foundation

Moderated by
Maya Thiagarajan
Educator and Founder, TREE

12:45 am - 1:30 pm
The Female Gaze:
Redefining Cinema on the Global Stage

Nandita Das
Filmmaker and Actor

Shahana Goswami
Actor

Jeo Baby
Filmmaker

Moderated by
Shilajit Mitra
Film Correspondent, The Hindu

1:35 pm - 2:15 pm
Lunch

2:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Whither Social Justice?
Telangana's Bold Governance Experiment

Revanth Reddy
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Telangana

In conversation with
Ravikanth Reddy
Political Editor, Telangana, The Hindu

2:50 pm - 3:20 pm
Maharashtra Unbound:
Gateway to India's Trillion-Dollar Economy

Devendra Fadnavis
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Maharashtra

In conversation with
Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
Chief of Bureau, Maharashtra, The Hindu

3:25 pm - 4:10 pm
No Boundaries:
Growth of Women's Cricket in India

Mithali Raj
Former Captain, India

Shantha Rangaswamy
Former and First Captain, India

Shreyanka Patil
Cricketer, India

Moderated by
K.C. Vijaya Kumar
Sports Editor, The Hindu

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm
Climate Calling:
Is Technology the Panacea for
a Warming Planet?

Suruchi Bhadwal
Director, Climate Change and Air Quality, TERI

Dr. Arunabha Ghosh
Founder-CEO, Council on Energy, Environment and Water

Dr. Sambuddha Misra
Chemical Oceanographer and Professor, IISc

Moderated by
Jacob Koshy
Deputy Science Editor, The Hindu

5:05 pm - 5:35 pm
From Quantum Valley to Education Hubs:
Leveraging Coalition Politics to
Deliver Good Governance

N. Chandrababu Naidu
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh

In conversation with
N. Ram
Director, The Hindu Group

5:40 pm - 6:10 pm
Stand-up Act

Anu Menon

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Schedule, May 10

10:00 am - 10:30 am
Priming the Pump: India's Oil Diplomacy

Hardeep Singh Puri
Hon'ble Union Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

In conversation with
Nistula Hebbar
Political Editor, The Hindu

10:35 am - 11:20 am
More Than a Sum of Parts:
Reimagining India's Federalism

Palanivel Thiaga Rajan
Hon'ble Minister, Information Technology and Digital Services, Tamil Nadu

Priyank Kharge
Hon'ble Minister, IT-BT, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Karnataka

P. Rajeeve
Hon'ble Minister, Law, Industries, and Coir, Kerala

Moderated by
Narayan Lakshman
Curator, The Hindu Huddle, and Opinion Editor, The Hindu

11:25 am - 11:55 am
Digital Superhighway:
Opportunities for India in the Digital Century

Ashwini Vaishnaw
Hon'ble Union Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, Electronics and Information Technology

In conversation with
Varghese K. George
Resident Editor, The Hindu

12:00 noon - 12:30 pm
Bullets, Bombs and the Human Spirit:
Kashmir's Quest for a Lasting Peace

Omar Abdullah
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Jammu and Kashmir

In conversation with
Narayan Lakshman
Curator, The Hindu Huddle, and Opinion Editor, The Hindu

12:35 pm - 1:05 pm
Let's Get Gritty: Indigenous Cinema in a Mainstream Environment

Vetri Maaran
Director, Producer, Screenwriter

In conversation with
Baradwaj Rangan
Film Critic

1:10 pm - 2:15 pm
Lunch

2:20 pm - 3:05 pm
In the Hood: The New Forces Shaping Subcontinental Geopolitics

Ranil Wickremesinghe
Former President, Sri Lanka

T.S. Tirumurti
Former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, New York

Moderated by
Suhasini Haidar
Diplomatic Affairs Editor, The Hindu

3:10 pm - 3:40 pm
North and South:
Big Divide to Growing Chasm in Indian Cinema

Anurag Kashyap
Director, Producer, Actor

In conversation with
Baradwaj Rangan
Film Critic

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm
Let's Talk Work: Future of the Workplace

K. Ganesh
Serial Entrepreneur and Partner, GrowthStory

Hemant Malik
Wholetime Director, Divisional Chief Executive - Foods, ITC

Jayen Mehta
Managing Director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation

Suparna Mitra
Chief Executive Officer, Watches and Wearables Division, Titan

Moderated by
L.V. Navaneeth
CEO, The Hindu Group

4:35 pm - 5:20 pm
Non-Communicable Diseases:
Trojan Horse of India's Health

Dr. Anoop Misra
Chairman, Fortis C-Doc Hospital for Diabetes and Allied Sciences

Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya
Health and Social Sector Policy Adviser

Dr. Preetha Reddy
Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals

Moderated by
Ramya Kannan
Chief of Bureau, Tamil Nadu, The Hindu

5:25 pm - 6:10 pm
AI for All: Dream of a Democratised and Ethical Technology

Astha Kapoor
Co-founder, Aapti Institute

Kalika Bali
Senior Principal Researcher, Microsoft Research, India

Tanvi Lall
Strategy, People+AI

Moderated by
Manu Joseph
Author, Columnist, and Screenwriter

6:15 pm - 6:25 pm
Closing Remarks

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Cast of characters

Caste census presents both challenges and opportunities

For the first time since 1931, Census forms will record the caste of Indians, but questions remain on the extent of the impact that the data would have on India's affirmative action programmes. Decadal censuses, until now, have categorised citizens as SCs, STs and as per religion. In decades of reservation for SCs, STs, and OBCs, there have been concerns about which communities or individuals within these groups are able to access the benefits. The demands for a creamy layer to eliminate the economically better-off sections from reservation quotas, and for sub-categorisation to ensure smaller or relatively more backward communities are not crowded out, have gained moral and political legitimacy. The Supreme Court of India, last August, cleared the way for sub-categorisation within SCs and STs and the Justice G. Rohini Commission in 2023 finished a study to examine sub-categorisation within OBCs. The Court's judgment was quick to draw a sharp fault line within SC and ST communities on the issue of sub-categorisation and the potential for upset in the Commission's report has forced the government to keep its findings closely guarded. Caste groupings continue to be a determinant of political and social life and empirical data on these are essential for more effective development planning. However, the search for increased representativeness through slicing and relabelling of social groups could be an infinite process, leaving some group or the other always dissatisfied.

The other challenge is the logistics of how caste enumeration should be conducted in a country where community-based claims are numerous. The understanding of what caste is, the difference between a sub-caste and a caste group, and the reconciliation of the understanding of caste names with their morphing according to linguistic and regional variations are issues. This gap in understanding caste was reflected in the SECC 2011 dataset as well, which yielded more than 46 lakh different "castes". Apart from the fact that there is no repository of all castes except for the lists of SCs, STs, and OBCs, the question of how to classify communities as castes, tribes, or socially and educationally backward classes continues to be litigated in High Courts and the Court in the form of countless petitions for inclusion or exclusion. The decision to enumerate caste can also be an opportunity to arrive at a consensus on these questions. The political diatribe that accompanied caste enumeration exercises in Bihar, Karnataka, and Telangana shows that this could be volatile. The Centre should build consensus on the details, now that all parties are in agreement with caste enumeration in principle. That will keep the integrity of its finding intact and beyond reproach.

Maritime hub

The Vizhinjam port offers enormous economic benefits for India

The commissioning of the Vizhinjam International Transhipment Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport, developed by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) under a public-private partnership model with the Kerala government, marks a milestone in India's maritime history. For a country such as India, which relies heavily on foreign ports for handling around 75% of its inbound and outbound transshipment cargo, resulting in an annual revenue loss of approximately $200 million-$220 m, the port presents enormous economic opportunities. Its natural draft of about 20 metres, requiring minimal capital dredging, and its proximity to international shipping routes linking Europe, West Asia and the Far East – the east-west shipping axis – position it as a strong contender to become a transshipment hub. This could potentially bring home a significant portion of Indian cargo transshipment handled by the Singapore, Colombo, Salalah and Dubai ports. Ultra-large container vessels can berth without deviating from their route, thereby saving costs. As India's first semi-automated port equipped with remote-controlled quay cranes and an AI-powered vessel traffic management system, Vizhinjam will significantly reduce vessel turnaround times. India's container throughput capacity last year was approximately 20 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units), contrasting with China's 330 million TEUs. This highlights the need for modern ports such as Vizhinjam along India's coastline.

Following the project's agreement in 2015, the Kerala government faced challenges, including protests from fisherfolk supported by the Latin Church, natural calamities and the COVID-19 pandemic. Commercial operations commenced in July 2024, with 265 ships, including large mother ships, having berthed so far. In the first phase, the Kerala government invested ₹5,595 crore, Adani Ports spent ₹2,454 crore, and the Union government provided a viability gap fund loan of ₹818 crore – a funding structure that sparked political debate. For Vizhinjam, an all-weather port, to become a game-changer in South Asia's maritime trade, the Centre and the State must ensure the timely completion of rail and road connectivity, which is crucial for leveraging the port's full potential. This will facilitate efficient cargo delivery to the entire hinterland of South India. The subsequent development phases, for which APSEZ and the Kerala government have signed an agreement involving an investment of around ₹9,500 crore by 2028, must also be implemented promptly. Warehousing, logistics, and industrial facilities are essential for the port to evolve into a thriving commercial maritime hub.

The messaging from putting the IWT in 'abeyance'

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On April 24, India announced that it would hold the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) of 1960 in abeyance until Pakistan ceased its support for cross-border terrorism. The term "abeyance," as used by the Government of India, suggests a temporary suspension, leaving open the possibility of reinstatement should Pakistan take credible steps to curb terrorism, particularly in light of the Pahalgam terror attack, on April 22.

The meaning of 'abeyance'

The term "abeyance" finds no legal recognition under the IWT or the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, 1969 (VCLT). India is not a party to the VCLT, while Pakistan has signed it, but has not ratified it. Further, unilateral suspension of treaty obligations, as implied by "abeyance," lacks legitimacy under customary international law and international water law that promotes 'water cooperation' as the peremptory norm fundamental to the international legal order. Critically, in the IWT's, Articles XII(3) and (4) stipulate that modifications or termination require a mutually ratified treaty – a prospect that seems remote given the current status quo between India-Pakistan.

Thus, the IWT's specific provisions preclude unilateral suspension of substantive or procedural obligations. More broadly, in the VCLT, Articles 60, 61, and 62 permit suspension of a treaty only under exceptional circumstances, such as a material breach, impossibility of performance, or a fundamental change in circumstances, respectively – none of which India has formally invoked. Therefore, India's invocation of "abeyance" may be seen as a political signal rather than a legally enforceable action, potentially putting procedural cooperation on hold. In practical terms, by using abeyance, India can temporarily refuse to carry out all joint mechanisms necessary for the treaty's operation. India can choose not to share details on water resource development projects on western rivers and hydrological data crucial for flood forecasting and planning for irrigation, hydropower and drinking water that could jeopardise Pakistan's water interests, internal water planning and water security, temporarily if not permanently. Moreover, India could flush silt from its reservoirs (which also requires reservoirs to be filled) without issuing any prior warning to Pakistan.

On January 25, 2023, New Delhi issued a notice to Pakistan through the Indus Commissioners, citing a material breach of the IWT. India argued that Pakistan's unilateral decision to approach the Permanent Court of Arbitration violated the treaty's dispute resolution mechanisms outlined in Articles VIII and IX. This time, New Delhi has invoked the Treaty as a counter-terrorism deterrent, opting for the term "abeyance" rather than "suspension" or "termination".

This choice raises pertinent questions. Article 60 of the VCLT allows for the termination or suspension of a treaty in response to a material breach. Does Pakistan's alleged support for cross-border terrorism not constitute such a breach? Likewise, Article 62 permits treaty suspension or withdrawal in the event of a fundamental change in circumstances. Could the persistent threat to national security from cross-border terrorism not fulfil this condition? Yet, these arguments hinge on untested legal interpretations, as neither the IWT nor customary international law explicitly links terrorism to treaty obligations, risking escalation in an already volatile bilateral relationship.

> Leveraging water resources as a strategic tool may provide short-term benefit, but could end up harming India

Abeyance as a two-level game

The decision to use "abeyance" likely arises from strategic and tactical considerations. First, India's Cabinet Committee on Security may have opted for abeyance as a cautious step to address public sentiment quickly and offer solace to grieving families. The limited time to fully evaluate the legal and diplomatic implications may have influenced this decision. Second, abeyance may also reflect a calculated move to relieve itself from the continuous legal objection it had witnessed vis-à-vis the construction of run-of-the-river projects planned on western rivers. India could leverage this pause to consolidate its rights to optimally use its entitled water usage allocations in western and eastern rivers, particularly through infrastructure projects that enhance its control over the Indus waters. However, this strategy risks escalating tensions, as Pakistan, heavily dependent on the Indus waters, is already viewing such actions as an 'act of war' and a direct threat to its water security.

The choice of terminology is even more critical given Pakistan's current instability. With the military losing the support of the youth since Imran Khan's imprisonment and its attempts to internationalise the Kashmir issue during the U.S. Vice-President's India visit, Pakistan's political and economic instability is even more visible. This uncertainty makes it challenging for New Delhi to navigate relations with a state in turmoil. Did India fully account for this while formulating the decision announced by the Foreign Secretary? In such a context, can the abeyance of the IWT genuinely exert meaningful pressure on Pakistan? More fundamentally, will leveraging the IWT as a tool to compel Pakistan to end its support for cross-border terrorism prove effective at all?

It is widely acknowledged that Pakistan, as a failing state, is unlikely to comply with India's demands. By invoking "abeyance", India may buy time to pursue domestic goals, particularly advancing water infrastructure projects on the western and eastern rivers. Many of these projects, including the Kishenganga, Baglihar, and Ratle hydel projects, have faced significant delays due to Pakistan's legal interventions. This move could provide India with the leverage needed to expedite such initiatives. While the Kishenganga and Baglihar were eventually resolved, projects such as Tulbul-Navigation and Ratle remain uncertain. These long-standing tensions, along with the 2021 Parliamentary Committee's emphasis on the need for infrastructure to fully utilise India's allocated waters, mark a critical inflexion point. However, questions persist about the feasibility of such projects, especially regarding environmental clearances.

In the weeks and months ahead, we could witness a complex interplay of domestic and international strategies, or a "two-level game", between India and Pakistan. Both nations must manage domestic expectations, engage diplomatically to safeguard their interests, and justify their actions as victories. For India, invoking the IWT in "abeyance" serves dual purposes: domestically, it demonstrates a firm stance against terrorism, aligning with public sentiment and reinforcing national security priorities. Internationally, it signals India's frustration with Pakistan's alleged support for terrorism. But could there be more to this strategy?

Ramifications for India

While in India, the decision has resonated emotionally with the public and garnered widespread political support, it risks overshadowing the more profound implications of such a strategy. On the global stage, unilaterally violating the IWT could lead to India facing the Permanent Court of Arbitration or the International Court of Justice, damaging its credibility as a responsible international actor. However, domestically, the strategy raises critical questions about the balance between national security and ecological prudence. The rush to fast-track water infrastructure projects, ostensibly to strengthen India's water rights, risks bypassing essential public and environmental scrutiny. Such actions could have dire consequences in the biodiversity-rich and seismically sensitive Indus basin. Weaponising water resources as a strategic tool may provide short-term leverage but could inadvertently harm India, undermining the foundational principles of democratic governance and constitutional integrity.

At the same time, public sentiment demands a stronger stance against Pakistan, with some public intellectuals advocating escalated military actions akin to the surgical strikes of 2016 and 2019. While such actions might serve as immediate displays of strength, they do not address the root cause of cross-border terrorism. The challenge lies in navigating a path that satisfies national sentiment while ensuring long-term stability and security. New Delhi must carefully craft its narrative and future on-the-ground steps around the IWT abeyance, ensuring that India aligns with broader geopolitical goals and has a sound legal basis within the IWT framework.

Actions taken must reflect strategic foresight, aiming to pressure Pakistan into reevaluating its stance on cross-border terrorism while avoiding harm to India's own ecological and social fabric. The focus should remain on measures that strengthen India's position as a responsible global power, leveraging its democratic values and environmental stewardship. This would uphold India's international standing, ensuring that its actions do not inadvertently harm the region that it seeks to protect.

Redrawing the not-so-pretty energy footprint of AI

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Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) has undoubtedly eased access to art and reduced the time and the effort required to complete certain tasks. For example, ChatGPT-4o can generate a Studio Ghibli-inspired portrait in seconds with just a prompt. But this ease comes at a significant energy cost that is often overlooked – one that has even led to Graphic Processing Units (GPUs) melting. As AI tools advance, this environmental impact will continue to become more detrimental, making this an unsustainable technology. How can AI be developed sustainably? And can leveraging nuclear energy, specifically Small Modular Reactors (SMR), be a possible alternative?

AI is not free. Every time one uses ChatGPT or any other AI tool, somewhere in the world, there is a data centre chugging electricity, much of which is generated from fossil fuels. "It's super fun seeing people love images in ChatGPT, but our GPUs are melting," tweeted Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI. Projections indicate that these data centres could account for 10% of the world's total electricity usage by 2030. Though these estimates mirror worldwide energy trends, it is necessary to highlight that India currently has sufficient capacity to generate electricity for its own domestic AI needs. Yet, with increasing adoption and ambitions, proactive planning is imperative.

Training an AI model, whether it is a conversational tool such as ChatGPT or an image-generator tool such as Midjourney, can generate the same amount of CO_2 as five cars running continuously across their life. Once deployed, AI tools continue to draw immense power from data centres as they serve countless users around the globe. This resource consumption is staggering, and it is becoming more unsustainable as AI adoption grows.

To start with, AI companies need to be transparent about their energy consumption. Just as some regulations mandate the disclosure of privacy practices surrounding data usage, companies must also be mandated to disclose their environmental impact – first, how much energy is being consumed? Second, where is it coming from? Third, what steps are being taken to minimise energy consumption? Such data would provide further insights on where energy is being used the most and encourage research and development to create a more sustainable model of AI development.

> Small modular nuclear reactors could be the energy answer to support booming AI and data infrastructure

Advantages of SMRs

Another, perhaps controversial, solution would be to address the energy source behind all of this technological growth. It is time nuclear energy, particularly SMRs, is discussed seriously. While this is often a subject of heated debate, it is also a powerful potential solution to the energy demands created by AI and other emerging technologies. The AI boom is happening fast, and the current energy infrastructure will just not be able to keep up.

SMRs present a transformative opportunity for the global energy landscape to support booming AI and data infrastructure. Unlike traditional large-scale nuclear power plants that demand extensive land, water, and infrastructure, SMRs are designed to be compact and scalable. This flexibility allows them to be deployed closer to high-energy-demand facilities, such as data centres, which require consistent and reliable power to manage vast amounts of computational workloads. Their ability to provide 24X7, zero-carbon, baseload electricity makes them an ideal alternative to renewable sources such as solar and wind by ensuring a stable energy supply regardless of weather conditions.

The benefits of SMRs extend beyond just energy reliability. Their modular construction reduces construction time and costs when compared to conventional nuclear plants, enabling faster deployment to meet the rapidly growing demands of AI and data-driven industries. Additionally, SMRs offer enhanced safety features, with passive safety systems that rely on natural phenomena to cool the reactor core and safely shut down, reducing the risk of accidents. This makes them more acceptable and easier to integrate into regions where large-scale nuclear facilities would face opposition. The ability of SMR to operate in diverse environments, from urban areas to remote locations, also supports the decentralisation of energy production, reducing transmission losses and enhancing grid resilience.

Some of the challenges

However, the adoption of SMRs is not without challenges. Significant policy shifts will be required to create a robust regulatory framework that addresses safety, waste management and public perception. There is also the matter of substantial upfront investment, as the technology is still maturing and may face issues of cost competitiveness when compared to established energy sources. Additionally, coordinating SMR deployment with existing renewable energy initiatives will require careful planning to maximise synergies while minimising redundancy. In India's case, despite these challenges, the cost of electricity from SMRs is predicted to fall from ₹10.3 to ₹5 per kWh after the reactors are functional, which is less than the average cost of electricity.

In conclusion, a public-private partnership model presents a realistic solution to the challenges of sustainable AI development. By leveraging the strengths of both sectors, this model can facilitate the efficient development of SMRs alongside other forms of renewable energy to support advancements in AI.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New textbooks

Gone are the days when children had the luxury of open grounds. In the world of today, children are in the vicious grip of the online world. There is so much competition that children are often over stressed. Their faces are a picture of worry and we need to make every effort to bring back their smiling innocence. Children grow physically and mentally through play, and what better way than traditional games ("New NCERT textbooks for Class 7 to introduce students to traditional games, cultural activities", May 5).

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

On NEET

Many students faced stress during the NEET UG 2025 examination. At the centre at Government Dhanvantri Ayurved Medical College, Mangalnath Road, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, checks were delayed. There was a power outage and with no backup, students found it hard to read and write.

Jiya Bairagi,
Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh

Corrections & Clarifications

In a report, "With 26 Rafales, aircraft carriers will have a full fighter strength" ('News' page, May 4, 2025), the cost of the deal for light combat helicopters, given as "₹62,700", should have been ₹62,700 crore.

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Detaining non-citizens and the rule of law

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In India, people who are deemed non-citizens can be detained under the National Security Act, 1980, and the Foreigners Act, 1946. Detained non-citizens can spend years in detention camps, enduring uncertainty and harsh conditions.

The Assam experience

In Assam, 19 lakh people have been stripped of their citizenship in the compilation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC). Many people stripped of their citizenship through this process have been detained. Most of these 'non-citizens' cannot be removed from India - because they have lived their entire lives in India, with no meaningful or continuing ties to any other nation. They were stripped of their citizenship through unfair procedures. They were required to prove their citizenship through documentary proof of their family's residence in India before 1971, even though these documents are inaccessible to many and may be lost or destroyed in flood-prone Assam. Many of their documents were rejected because of misspellings or different versions of names, even though variations like this are common throughout India.

The arbitrary and indefinite detention of non-citizens in India, including those who have been stripped of citizenship by the NRC, was challenged in the Supreme Court in *Rajubala Das v Union of India* (2020). Similar proceedings in Australia in *NZYQ v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* (2023) led the High Court to prohibit the indefinite detention of non-citizens where there is no realistic prospect of their removal from Australia, upholding important constitutional limits on the deprivation of liberty. Whether there are similar limits on India's ability to detain non-citizens has important implications for the rule of law and the judiciary's independence.

In Indian law, the principal basis for depriving a person of their liberty – even if it is not the only basis – is where that person has been found guilty of a criminal offence and sentenced by a court, or where they have been detained pending trial and sentence. That is, they have been detained by, or in connection with, the exercise of judicial power.

Being deprived of liberty is hence ordinarily a form of punishment. There are some reasons why a person may be detained other than as punishment; the most obvious example is preventive detention under Article 22 of the Constitution. But it is an important part of India's common law heritage, as in Australia, that these purposes are limited and constrained, including under Article 22 itself. A person cannot be detained for any reason whatsoever. There are also some circumstances in Indian law where judicial power may be exercised by a body other than the courts, such as by tribunals. But the power to detain is under the control and supervision of the nation's courts.

A violation of principles

Non-citizen detention in its current form in Assam violates these principles. Those detained have not been convicted of or charged with any crime or sentenced to any term of imprisonment. It cannot seriously be claimed that they are being detained for the purpose of removing them from India. In response to questions asked in the Assam Legislative Assembly, it was acknowledged that only 26 declared foreigners have been deported since 2017 - despite the fact that, as of December 31, 2023, over 1,59,353 people had been declared foreigners by the State's Foreigners Tribunals. More recently, the Centre has informed the Supreme Court that 13 more Bangladeshi nationals have been deported. But only a tiny fraction of those detained, much less those stripped of citizenship, has been removed from India. Most non-citizens detained cannot be removed because they are citizens of no other country, and no other country will accept them.

No legitimate reason

In recent orders in *Rajubala Das,* the Supreme Court has ordered that deportation be commenced even without verifying detainees' addresses in the country to which they are being deported. This is no answer to this dilemma. In order to remove a detainee, their nationality will have to be verified and the country to which they are deported must to be willing to accept them. The detainees will have to be provided travel documents which will allow them to enter that country. But none of this can happen for detainees who have no other country to call home. In Australia, people in a similar position – that is, people who have no realistic possibility of being removed from Australia – cannot be detained, because their detention would not serve any legitimate purpose.

Non-citizens are hence not detained as punishment, or pending trial, or for removal from India, or for any other recognised 'preventive' purpose – or in accordance with any safeguard on preventive detention under Article 22 of the Constitution. They are merely detained for the purpose of being detained. That is not a recognised or legitimate reason for depriving a person of their liberty under Article 21, regardless of whether that person is a citizen or a non-citizen.

Assam's immigration detention regime is hence not just a threat to the liberty and well-being of those caught up within it; it raises important questions of constitutional principle. The deprivation of liberty has traditionally been recognised as a power to be exercised and controlled by the courts.

If the executive and the legislature encroach upon the traditional role of the courts, this poses a real threat to the rule of law.

Assam's immigration detention regime is not just a threat to the liberty and well-being of those caught up within it; it also raises important questions of constitutional principles

Seeing red in the three-language policy

Efforts to push Hindi come at a time when Marathi schools are struggling to survive

STATE OF PLAY

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Does national integration require the imposition of one language? Does the promotion of one language over regional languages threaten the diversity and federalism of the country? Can a national party in power try to monopolise education and language at the cost of pluralism? These are the questions being raised following the Maharashtra government's move to bring Hindi into the State's primary education system.

Maharashtra celebrated its 65th Foundation Day on May 1. The State was formed after 107 martyrs sacrificed their lives for the formation of 'Samyukta Maharashtra' along with Mumbai, on a linguistic basis. However, of late, the State has been embroiled in a controversy over the same linguistic politics. Pushing back against the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government's efforts to impose Hindi as the mandatory third language in all Marathi and English medium primary schools across the State, several educationists say the move is ill-thought-out. They question the imposition of a 'national' language and ask whether linguistic identities will be protected in a country where the federal structure stands on an innate understanding of pluralism, cultural, and linguistic diversity. They also argue that the current educational infrastructure will unlikely cope with this additional burden and that the move contravenes the National Education Policy (NEP), which supports a two-language policy for primary education till Class 5.

The irony is that the BJP is in power in Maharashtra along with the Shiv Sena, a party which was formed to safeguard the interests of the 'sons of the soil' and on the basis of Marathi regionalism. Dada Bhuse, the School Education Minister, who belongs to Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena, announced a partial rollback stating that other languages will be introduced along with Hindi, as the third language. However, this is being seen as mere eyewash since the government has not amended or withdrawn the order on a three-language policy, along with the introduction of Hindi as a mandatory third language. Government sources say other languages are also being considered as options for the third language. But the opposition is not only to the imposition of Hindi, but also to the introduction of a three-language policy as against the existing two-language policy in primary education.

The criticism against the government's move is multi-layered. Educationists argue that the move is not only against the globally accepted norm of encouraging education in the mother tongue in primary years, but that it also questions the current capability of the primary education system in Maharashtra. They contend that many primary school classes are led by one or two teachers at present. NEP 2020 says native language instruction improves understanding, preserves culture, and helps students perform better. UNESCO states that the mother tongue is essential for initial instruction and literacy and should be extended to as late a stage in education as possible. On the other hand, the National Curriculum Framework, 2023, supports the three-language formula and says it should be implemented while keeping in mind constitutional provisions, multilingualism, and national unity.

Prominent among the groups protesting against the government's decision is the language consultation committee appointed by none other than the State government itself. The committee has written two letters to the Chief Minister seeking an explanation for the decision, which was taken without consulting it. It has also questioned the rationale behind efforts to impose Hindi on the local population when migrants have "refused to learn the local language or respect the local culture". "Nowhere else in the world do the original inhabitants learn the language of the migrants. Why is there total disrespect for Marathi while the north Indians try to impose their culture on us," asked Laxmikant Deshmukh, the chairperson of the committee. Marathi actor Chinmayee Sumeet, who is also the goodwill ambassador of Marathi schools, has also condemned the government.

Though some regional political parties have already sought credit for the government's rollback, which is yet to reflect on paper, the fight in Maharashtra over the issue is far from over. The question is whether the government will listen, engage with the critics, and course-correct, or continue to impose its decision.

Hydrogen versus battery: The cost of clean public transport

At present, hydrogen fuel cell buses and trucks cost 20-30% more than their battery electric counterparts

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

Nearly seven in 10 people in developing countries are expected to be living in cities by 2050 given rapid urbanisation. While urban growth provides greater access to jobs and essential services, it also brings challenges with it such as traffic congestion and air pollution, which significantly impact health.

In India, a *Lancet* study reports that from 2008 to 2019, short-term exposure to PM2.5 particles accounted for nearly 30,000 deaths annually across 10 major cities, representing 7.2% of all deaths. This includes around 5,100 deaths per year in Mumbai, 4,678 in Kolkata, and 2,870 in Chennai **(Chart 1)**.

These alarming figures have prompted many cities, including Cairo (Egypt), Dakar (Senegal), Santiago (Chile), and Bogotá (Colombia), to explore cleaner public transport options. As a result, demand for electric vehicles (EVs) has risen globally. By 2023, there were 40 million electric cars on the world's roads – a 35% increase from the previous year. However, EVs still represent only a small share of total global vehicles.

Chart 2 shows electric car sales from 2012 to 2024. Over half of global sales took place in China, followed by Europe and the U.S., with other regions contributing a much smaller share.

While battery electric vehicles (BEVs) dominate the market, Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs) present an alternative with several advantages – they have a longer driving range due to higher energy density, can refuel in just 5-15 minutes, and are generally lighter than battery-powered vehicles. They are particularly suitable for long-distance travel, rugged terrain, and extreme cold.

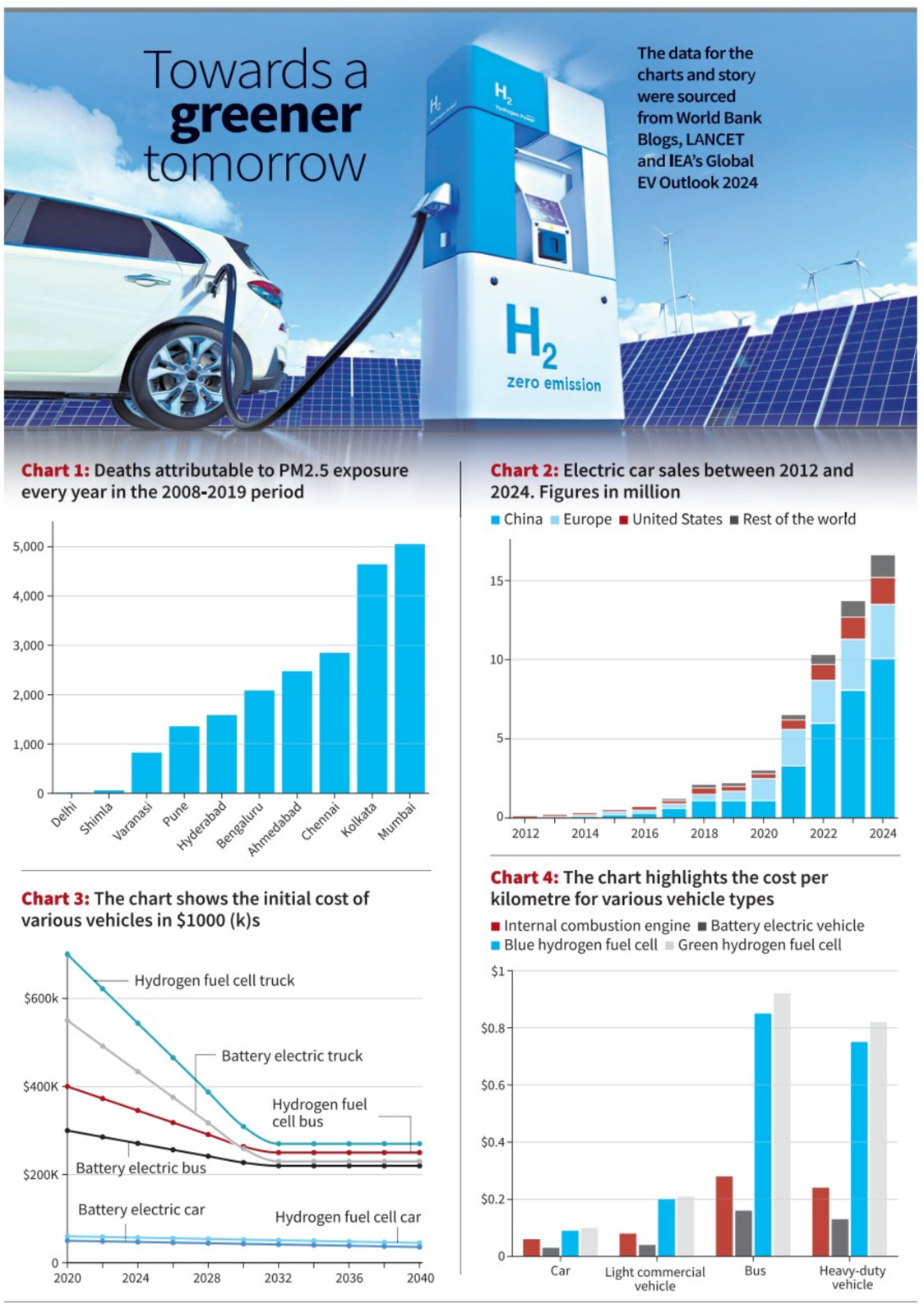
However, FCEVs remain rare, with only 93,000 units globally – equating to just one hydrogen vehicle for every 330 battery-powered ones. This is largely due to their high initial and operational costs. As shown in **Chart 3**, fuel cell buses and trucks cost 20-30% more than their battery-electric counterparts. Nonetheless, prices for both are expected to converge by 2030 as technology improves.

Operational costs, however, remain a concern. **Chart 4** highlights the cost per kilometre for various vehicle types. Diesel buses cost about $0.27 per km, while electric buses cost only $0.17, making them more economical despite their higher upfront cost.

In contrast, hydrogen fuel cell buses are significantly more expensive to operate. Blue hydrogen, produced from natural gas, costs $0.84 per km, while green hydrogen, derived from renewable sources, costs $0.91 per km. Experts predict that the initial cost of hydrogen vehicles will match that of battery-electric vehicles within the next five years. However, their operational costs are expected to remain high, even beyond 2030.

In India, the adoption of EVs is progressing at a steady pace. EVs accounted for approximately 5% of total vehicle sales in 2023. Electric car registrations rose by 70% year-on-year to 80,000 units compared to just a 10% growth in overall car sales. However, the most rapid growth was in the three-wheeler segment, where India accounted for nearly 60% of global electric three-wheeler sales. In fact, in 2023, India surpassed China to become the largest market for electric three-wheelers, with over 0.58 million units sold.

India also ranks as the world's second-largest market for electric two-wheelers, with 0.88 million units sold in 2023. But this figure is significantly lower than China's 6 million units. Notably, China, India, and ASEAN countries dominate the global market for electric two- and three-wheelers, while all other regions combined contribute less than 5% to global sales in these categories.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MAY 6, 1975

Minister rules out demonetisation: Finance Bill adopted

New Delhi, May 5: The Finance Minister, Mr. C. Subramaniam, to-day ruled out demonetisation as an "impracticable proposition".

Replying to the general debate on the Finance Bill in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Subramaniam said the Government had examined the suggestion made by some members that there should be demonetisation to check the parallel economy and contain black money. "For the present, it looks an impracticable proposition," he added.

The House approved the Union Budget for 1975-76 after adopting the Finance Bill which in its final form provided for additional taxation amounting to nearly Rs. 255 crores.

The Minister in his 60-minute reply touched on various aspects and announced total exemption of the entire printing industry and the ginning industry from the one per cent excise duty announced in the budget proposals.

He expressed concern over the recent High Court decisions letting out known smugglers and assured the House that Government would relentlessly and ruthlessly carry out its measures not only against smugglers, but against hoarders, blackmarketers and other anti-social elements.

Reviewing the impact of last year's anti-inflationary measures and subsequent decline in prices, Mr. Subramaniam cautioned the House against optimism as the situation was still not completely under control because of the domestic and international situation.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MAY 6, 1925

Cholera depots being formed

The Director of Public Health, in a statement issued to-day, states: "The situation is disquieting, without being alarming. Nevertheless, from the point of view of preventive measures it is necessary to assume that the Punjab after a lapse of several years, is about to experience an epidemic of cholera of considerable intensity and magnitude. Detailed instructions have consequently been issued to all concerned in regard to the measures to be taken in Municipal towns, and cholera depots have been and are being formed in the rural areas of the province.

From Page One

Centre directs States to hold 'civil defence' drills

Around four lakh volunteerswill be roped in for the drill, the official told *The Hindu*.

The letter to Chief Secretaries follows an earlier communication on May 2 regarding "civil defence preparedness in vulnerable areas/districts."

Government sources confirmed that this comes in the backdrop of escalating tensions between India and Pakistan in the wake of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22 that left 26 people dead.

"Every State including those on the western border will do the mock exercise beginning on May 7. The finer details will be shared on Tuesday. Some States are better equipped and for others, we will issue guidelines," said the official.

The official explained that camouflaging of vital installation amounts to switching off all illumination, including in the vicinity of the plants and vital buildings.

Apart from the volunteers with the Civil Defence, the police will also mobilise volunteers in their jurisdictions, the official said. School, college students, National Cadet Corps (NCC), members from Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) will be involved in the exercise.

Blackout drill

On Sunday, police conducted a 30-minute blackout drill in the Ferozepur district of Punjab, bordering Pakistan. The Ferozepur Cantonment Board issued an advisory and residents were asked to switch off lights from 9 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, meanwhile, met with Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, followed by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.

Putin expresses support to 'fight against terror'

Mr. Modi also invited Mr. Putin to visit India for the 23rd India-Russia annual summit that will be hosted here later this year and conveyed his greetings to Russia for the 80th anniversary of the Second World War Victory Day to be celebrated in Moscow on May 9.

"Both leaders reiterated their commitment to further deepen Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. PM conveyed greetings to President Putin on the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Victory Day and invited him for the Annual Summit to be held in India later in the year," said Mr. Jaiswal in his statement about Monday's telephone discussion.

Russia had invited Mr. Modi to participate in the Victory Day parade but India had subsequently designated Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to represent India at the parade that would be attended by several heads of states and governments including Chinese President Xi Jinping.

India-Pak. tension at its 'boiling point': UN chief

"That has been my message in my ongoing outreach with both countries. Make no mistake, a military solution is no solution, and I offer my good offices to both governments in the service of peace, " the UN chief added.

Mr. Guterres, who had called Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the Pahalgam terror attack, repeated his condemnation of the killings of 26 men, and said he was in touch with both countries. He said the targeting of civilians was "unacceptable" and those responsible must be brought to justice through "credible and lawful means".

"United Nations stands ready to support any initiative that promotes de-escalation, diplomacy and the renewed commitment to peace," he added.

The UN Secretary-General's statement came even as the UN Security Council members were due to hold a "closed-door" meeting on the situation, where Pakistan, as a current member, is present. After a UNSC resolution last month, that was watered down at Pakistan's instance, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke to all other non-permanent members of the UNSC, including Greece, which has taken the Presidency of the UNSC this month.

Mr. Guterres's statement came on the heels of a number of statements from other countries calling for de-escalation and diplomacy, as Mr. Modi has been meeting with military chiefs to discuss a possible strategy to respond to the Pahalgam attacks.

However, several countries, including the U.S., U.K., Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the European Union, have issued statements counselling restraint and avoiding a broader conflict.

On Monday, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim issued a statement after a call with Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif who cancelled his visit to Malaysia amid rising tensions offering to mediate between India and Pakistan, with "close ties to both", and hoped for a swift de-escalation of tensions, adding support for an "independent and transparent" investigation into the Pahalgam attack.

The MEA did not respond to requests for comments on the UNSG statement, as well as that of the Malaysian Prime Minister.

In a comment believed to be aimed at those counselling restraint and dialogue, Mr. Jaishankar said on Sunday that India looked for "partners" and not for "preachers", in expectations from the world in general, and Europe in particular.

ED arrests former Cong. MLA Dharam Chhoker

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested former Congress MLA Dharam Singh Chhoker, who was declared a proclaimed offender and against whom seven non-bailable warrants had been issued in the past by a special court, from the premises of a five-star hotel in Delhi, according to agency sources.

The agency was investigating the money-laundering angle in an alleged case of cheating homebuyers.

On Sunday, the agency received an input that Mr. Chhoker was in the hotel's bar with a friend. Within half an hour, Joint Director (Gurugram zone) Navaneet Aggrawal reached the hotel. Later, the Investigation Officer also went there and informed the accused about the non-bailable warrant issued against him, said a source. It was alleged that Mr. Chhoker and his bodyguard were chased down by Mr. Aggrawal "after a long scuffle". After being detained, he allegedly made attempts to escape from the custody. Later, a beat constable was called, and Mr. Chhoker was taken to the ED office.

CBI Director Praveen Sood likely to get one-year extension

He is set to get the extension as the high-level committee, led by PM, fails to reach a consensus; the panel's discussions on selection inconclusive

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Praveen Sood is all set to get a one-year extension as the high-level committee to pick a new Director, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, could not arrive at a consensus on the shortlisted names.

The committee, which has Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi as members, met on Monday evening at the Prime Minister's Office.

An official notification regarding the extension will be issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT), which is the nodal Ministry for the premier investigation agency.

Though there is no official word on what transpired at the meeting, sources indicated that the discussion remained inconclusive as the members of the selection panel could not arrive at a consensus on the shortlisted names.

The headquarters of the CBI in New Delhi. A notification regarding the extension of the CBI Director's term is expected soon. PTI

As per law, an incumbent can get an extension of up to one year. Sources told *The Hindu* that the DOPT had sent a long list of officers as possible contenders for the CBI top post.

The meeting came days before the two-year term of the incumbent CBI Director ends on May 25. Mr. Sood, a 1986-batch IPS officer of the Karnataka cadre, was the Director-General of Police of the State before he was appointed to head the premier investigation agency. He took over as the CBI Director on May 25, 2023.

For Mr. Gandhi, this is the first time attending the meeting to select a new CBI Director since his appointment as the LoP.

The timing of the meeting is significant as it comes against the backdrop of the Pahalgam terror attack. It is also the first time the Prime Minister has had a closed-door meeting with the LoP and the CJI.

SC peruses report on audio tapes linked to former Manipur CM

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NEW DELHI

N. Biren Singh

The Supreme Court on Monday perused a report submitted in a sealed cover by a Central Forensic Science Laboratory on the veracity of audio recordings allegedly "establishing complicity" between former Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and the ethnic violence in the State.

A Bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Sanjay Kumar was informed by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, that the investigation into the allegations was continuing separately.

After going through the report, the Bench asked Mr. Mehta to "talk to the officers" and suggested filing a fresh report. Later, the court recorded that the Solicitor-General would take instructions anew on filing a fresh forensic report. The court relisted the case in the week commencing on July 21.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the petitioner-NGO Kuki Organisation for Human Trust, referred to the prayer in the petition for a court-monitored investigation by a Special Investigation Team into leaked audio clips. "But now we have the President's Rule there [Manipur]," the Chief Justice remarked. Mr. Bhushan indicated that it may not be enough.

The senior lawyer had in an earlier hearing submitted that Truth Labs' report of the audio tapes showed "93% chances that it is his (Mr. Singh's) voice".

Mr. Mehta had, however, sought to dismiss the submission by Mr. Bhushan, saying Truth Labs was a private organisation. Mr. Bhushan had responded that Truth Labs reports were extensively used in court as evidence.

The NGO alleged the "CM of Manipur [now the former] was instrumental in inciting, organising and thereafter centrally orchestrating the large-scale murder, destruction and other forms of violence against the Kuki-dominated areas in Manipur".

Sambit Patra meets BJP MLAs, Kuki-Zo groups in Manipur

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party's Northeast in-charge Sambit Patra met former Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, BJP legislators in the valley and hills, and Kuki-Zo and Zomi civil society organisations in the northeastern State on Monday.

Mr. Patra's visit comes days after 21 Manipur MLAs wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, urging them to form a "popular government" in the State, which was placed under President's Rule on February 13.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Vumsuan Naulak, president of the Zomi Council, who met Mr. Patra in Churachandpur, said that the latter said that as long as thousands of illicit arms remain in the hands of civilians not under any authority's control, "they do not feel any urgency in installing a popular Ministry".

Mr. Patra met former Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. He also met Speaker Thokchom Satyabrata Singh and interacted with other MLAs.

"He (Patra) listened to us patiently and assured us that our concerns will be notified to the authorities," party MLA Kh. Ibomcha told reporters.

(With PTI inputs)

CJI bows out of Waqf case, leaves hearing to successor Justice Gavai

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Chief Justice of India, Sanjiv Khanna, on Monday bowed out of the Waqf law case, with four working days left in his tenure ahead of retirement on May 13, saying he did not want to reserve or pass any interim orders.

Chief Justice Khanna said the course of the litigation challenging the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, would be steered by his successor and CJI-designate, Justice B.R. Gavai.

The CJI listed the case on May 15, two days after his retirement.

The listing would also align the challenge to the Waqf law as one of the major cases to come up before the new Chief Justice of India. Justice Gavai assumes office as top judge on May 14.

Flagging concerns: The petitioners argued that the amendments prejudiced the rights of Muslims across the country. K. MURALI KUMAR

On April 17, the last crucial day of hearing in the case, the Chief Justice's Bench had avoided passing an interim order to stay the implementation of the 2025 amendments.

Instead, it had to rest content with recording the government's statement that "till the next date of hearing [May 5, 2025], no Waqf, including a Waqf by user, whether declared by way of notification or by way of registration, shall be de-notified, nor will their character or status be changed".

Similarly, the government had assured that appointments of non-Muslims would not be made to the Central Waqf Council or the State Waqf Boards under the 2025 Act.

The court had listed the case on May 5. However, the CJI said he did not want to hear and reserve arguments for an interim stay of the 2025 Act. He said both sides had raised substantial arguments on law, especially regarding the registration of Waqfs, which needed to be heard elaborately.

Post Indus treaty hold, India resorts to untimely release of water from J&K dams on Chenab river

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India, over the weekend, resorted to a surprise release of waters from the Baglihar and Salal dams in Jammu and Kashmir on the Chenab river. While this is far from triggering a man-made flood in Pakistan, it is the first consequential water-based action taken by India since it announced keeping the Indus Waters Treaty "in abeyance", following the Pahalgam terror attack.

While such release of water – called "flushing the reservoir" – is a routine, annual activity and necessary to clear the dams of riverine silt and muck to keep the power plants linked to these reservoirs running optimally, it is usually done in August, during the monsoon.

"We have done some reservoir flushing in the last few days," a highly placed source told *The Hindu*. "As part of the Indus Waters Treaty, this is usually done in August (during the monsoon), but it has been advanced. This will increase the volume of water downstream in Pakistan for the next day or two, but not substantially. However, there will be a period of refilling, and this could translate to reduced flows downstream."

Following the release of water from the dams, they will be shut to enable refilling. PTI

The lower water levels were evident from the fact that people in Reasi were seen crossing the Chenab on foot at many points. However, the discharge rose on Monday afternoon after all gates of Salal were opened and the gates of Baglihar were partially opened.

Flushing operations in August were permitted under the terms of the treaty to ensure that the flow of the Chenab to Pakistan was unimpeded while also flushing accumulated sediment to maintain the hydroelectric plants.

On April 26, C.R. Patil, Jal Shakti Minister, had stated that "... not a drop of water from the Indus would flow to Pakistan". *The Hindu* has sought comments from the Jal Shakti Ministry and the External Affairs Ministry.

No advance notice

With the reservoir empty, it will be refilled – over the next 30 hours – with water coming from upstream, and this "could mean reduced flows" downstream, the official added. Unlike the standard practice, Pakistan also wasn't given advance warning of the increased flow that would result from the "flushing".

The Baglihar is a 900 MW hydropower project in J&K. It has a reservoir capacity of 475 million cubic metres. It is a run-of-the-river project, meaning it is not designed to store large amounts of water – a consequence of the treaty – but rather divert the normal flow of parts of the Chenab to run electric turbines and produce electricity.

J&K State Power Development, which owns the plant, has a power purchase agreement with Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam and Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam to purchase the electricity generated from here.

Lean season

The emptying of the reservoir and refilling it would mean a "temporary" reduction in the electricity generated. "This is, however, the lean season (for water availability in the reservoir) and our hydropower projects work at a lower capacity," the same official clarified.

The Salal power project in the Reasi district of J&K is a 690 MW hydropower project. Following the release of water from the dams' sluices, they will be shut to enable refilling.

The official added that there was unlikely to be immediate flushing operations at the 330 MW Kishenganga hydropower project on the Jhelum river, in Baramulla.

(Inputs from Peerzada Ashiq in Srinagar)

NIA searches 10 sites over hotel firing linked to Dalla

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has conducted searches at 10 locations in Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan in connection with the firing on the premises of a hotel in Neemrana, Rajasthan on September 8, 2024, which was allegedly linked to Canada-based "Khalistani terrorist" Arshdeep Singh, also known as Arsh Dalla.

The attack, in which 35 shots were fired, was aimed at threatening people. The two attackers were subsequently identified as members of the Bambiah gang, having connections with Arsh Dalla's alleged terrorist-gangster network. They had used prohibited weapons and also threatened the hotel's owner and manager with extortion money. The manager had also earlier received several threat calls from international numbers, the agency said.

Japan offers support to India in the wake of Pahalgam attack

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Japan on Monday offered full support to India in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, and both sides condemned terrorism in all its forms and emphasised the need for global cooperation in this regard.

This was conveyed in the bilateral talks between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Japanese counterpart, Gen Nakatani.

Mr. Singh outlined the capability of the Indian defence industry, particularly its potential to collaborate with the Japanese side on new areas such as tank engines and aero engines.

"The Japanese Defence Minister expressed his condolences for the tragic terrorist attack which took place in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir on April 22, 2025 and offered full support to India," the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Mr. Singh condemned Pakistan's state policy of cross-border terrorism against India, perpetrated through state and non-state actors, and stated that such attacks destabilise regional peace and security, the Ministry said. The Minister called for a unified stand against terrorism and the state-sponsored actions that perpetuate it.

The Huddle to discuss reimagining India's federalism

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Federalism in the Indian context has always been a complex and contested space, involving give and take between the Centre and the States.

Despite the constitutional and regulatory frameworks of the nation supporting the division of powers between the Centre and the States through the Seventh Schedule, specifying the Union, State and Concurrent Lists, pork barrel politics exerts an outsize influence on governance decisions across the board in the modern era, and resource sharing is often premised on currying political favour.

Beyond contestation in the sphere of policymaking, there is now an existential challenge to the representational power of States within the Indian Union, specifically in the Lok Sabha, in the form of a future delimitation exercise.

Will this exercise, now gathering steam and likely to be implemented in the aftermath of the next Census, lead to States that have brought down their respective population growth rates face a reduction in the number of MPs that they can send to New Delhi? Will the fact that these States have also broadly been top performers in terms of economic growth and all-round development be factored into the calculation of how many MPs will be assigned to each of them?

In the arena of pure politics too, the intensity of competition has reached unprecedented levels, in terms of the BJP seeking to expand its already-broad footprint into States such as Tamil Nadu, Kerala and West Bengal, and deepen its grip on the political system in States such as Karnataka. Regional and other Opposition political parties in these States have offered a stout defence of a different political ideology to muscular nationalism. At the heart of this hard-fought political battle, playing out in every constituency of India, is a deeper question about identity politics that goes to the very soul of the pluralistic vision of Indian democracy – will it remain a country that tolerates diversity in religion, language, caste, and more, or will homogenising socio-political forces win the day?

To debate these transformational questions at the heart of India's democracy, *The Hindu* Huddle, which will be held in Bengaluru on May 9 and 10, will host a panel of senior Ministers to debate the topic, "More than a sum of parts: reimagining India's federalism".

Helming this discussion will be Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Minister of Information Technology and Digital Services for Tamil Nadu, Priyank Kharge, Minister for IT-BT, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj for Karnataka, and P. Rajeeve, Minister for Law, Industries and Coir for Kerala. Narayan Lakshman, Curator of *The Hindu* Huddle and Opinion Editor, *The Hindu*, will moderate the discussion.

If you have any questions that you would like the moderator to ask the panellists, write to huddle@thehindu.co.in

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Iran urges restraint in India-Pak. stand-off

Reuters
ISLAMABAD

Iran's Foreign Minister urged India and Pakistan on Monday to exercise restraint as he arrived in Islamabad for a one-day visit.

"We seek de-escalation and urge all parties to exercise restraint and avoid increasing tensions," Abbas Araqchi told presspersons on arrival in Pakistan's capital.

Iranian Ambassador Reza Amiri Moghadam told state media the matter would be on the agenda, given Iran's close ties with both nations. Mr. Araqchi will travel to Delhi on Thursday.

"The two sides will exchange views on regional and global developments," Pakistan's foreign office said in a statement flagging the meetings.

India's External Affairs Ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment. It has previously ruled out third-party mediation.

Cong. mocking, demoralising defence forces, alleges BJP

MP says remarks of Opposition party leaders on Pahalgam terror attack went against the country; he says Congress and its allies have become the 'fifth column', though they claim to back govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday compared the Congress and its allies to a "fifth column", a term referring to internal saboteurs during the Spanish Civil War.

Though the Opposition parties claimed to be backing the Union government at a time of crisis following the Pahalgam terror attack, a series of remarks made by prominent Opposition leaders went against the country and were detrimental to the morale of the defence forces, it said.

At a press conference, BJP MP and spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said the "mask" was coming off the faces of those making such remarks, and they were "exposing the real nature" of their parties.

Citing the latest statement by Uttar Pradesh Congress president Ajay Rai, who used a toy aeroplane with "lemon and chilli" to allege inaction following the recent terror attack, Mr. Trivedi accused him of "mocking" the defence forces and attempting to demoralise them.

> During the Spanish war, it was believed in Spain that the enemy forces were advancing from four sides, and the phrase used was that 'four columns' were approaching, but there was a 'fifth column' — which was supporting those who were working against the interests of Spain. Cong. has become like the 'fifth column'
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> **SUDHANSHU TRIVEDI**
> BJP spokesperson

Flays statements

He said that while the Pakistani forces were violating the ceasefire along the border with occasional firing, the leaders of the Congress and its allies had made a series of statements against the country and were targeting the Indian defence forces.

"During the Spanish Civil War between 1936 and 1939, it was believed in Spain that the enemy forces were advancing from four sides, and the phrase used was that 'four columns' were approaching, but there was a 'fifth column' – which was supporting those who were working against the interests of Spain. Today, the Congress party and its allies have become like the 'fifth column'...," he said.

'Mocking beliefs'

The BJP MP said the remarks made by certain Opposition leaders were reprehensible. By referencing "lemon and chilli", Hindu religious beliefs had been mocked. "Religious teachers are appointed in the Army. All arrangements are made for the soldiers according to their religious sentiments when they go to war. I want to ask the Congress party – what are they making fun of? They are making fun of Hindu religious beliefs as the swastika was drawn on Rafale jets," he said.

The BJP leader said the official stand of the Congress and its allies was that they were with the government, but the remarks purportedly made by their leaders, were uncalled for.

Global carriers skirt Pak. airspace

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Air France and Germany's Lufthansa were among the global carriers avoiding Pakistani airspace, airlines and flight trackers showed on Monday.

Lufthansa's flights are "avoiding Pakistani airspace until further notice", it said in a statement.

Lufthansa Flight LH760 from Frankfurt to New Delhi had to fly nearly an hour longer on Sunday because it took a longer route, data showed. Flight tracking data showed some flights of British Airways, Swiss International Air Lines and Emirates turning north towards Delhi after travelling over the Arabian Sea.

"The airline has decided to suspend overflight of Pakistan until further notice," Air France said in a statement.

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5.	Physical Interaction (may include interviews, portfolio assessment, group discussions, essay writing on specific topic, SoP and exam etc. **at SPA Delhi**	16th June 2025 – 21st June 2025
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11. Sponsored candidates from Government organizations, quasi-Government organizations, PSUs should apply through proper channel and the Selection Criteria for such candidates MAY BE relaxed as decided by the Selection Committee considering the suitability of the candidate on case-to-case basis. Such candidates shall apply separately through the websites of respective Institutions.
12. For any clarifications, candidates may contact: **jaappg2025@spa.ac.in**

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Increase in tensions could impair Pakistan's access to external financing: Moody's

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

On the lookout: Security personnel keeping vigil in Srinagar on Monday amid high alert after the Pahalgam terror attack. PTI

A persistent increase in tensions with India could impair Pakistan's access to external financing and pressure its foreign exchange reserves, which remain well below what is required to meet its external debt payment needs for the next few years, the rating agency Moody's said on Monday.

On India, it does not expect major disruptions in economic activity because it has minimal economic relations with Pakistan. However, higher defence spending will potentially weigh on India's fiscal strength and slow its fiscal consolidation.

"Our geopolitical risk assessment for Pakistan and India accounts for persistent tensions, which have, at times led to limited military responses. We assume that flare-ups will occur periodically, as they have throughout the two sovereigns' post-independence history, but that they will not lead to an outright, broad-based military conflict," it said in a report.

Pakistan military has undertaken mobilisation of heavy equipment along the border with India and has been conducting a series of exercises since tensions flared up in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22.

"Sustained escalation in tensions with India would likely weigh on Pakistan's growth and hamper the government's ongoing fiscal consolidation, setting back Pakistan's progress in achieving macroeconomic stability," Moody's said.

Pakistan's macroeconomic conditions have been improving, with growth gradually rising, inflation declining and foreign exchange reserves increasing amid continued progress in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme, it noted.

It observed that macroeconomic conditions in India would be stable, bolstered by moderating but still high levels of growth amid strong public investment and healthy private consumption.

"In a scenario of sustained escalation in localised tensions, we do not expect major disruptions to India's economic activity because it has minimal economic relations with Pakistan (less than 0.5% of India's total exports in 2024), the agency said. "However, higher defence spending would potentially weigh on India's fiscal strength and slow its fiscal consolidation."

More cyberattacks from Pakistan-based groups come to light

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence on Monday, according to official sources. Top Defence Ministry officials have been calling on Mr. Modi.

Meanwhile, it has come to light that a group "Pakistan Cyber Force" had gained access to sensitive data from the websites of India's Military Engineer Service (MES) and the Manohar Parrikar Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (MPIDSA) and defaced the website of Armoured Vehicle Nigam Ltd. (AVNL), a defence public sector undertaking.

It has come to attention via the'X' account "Pakistan Cyber Force" that the group has allegedly gained access to sensitive data from the Indian MES and MPIDSA, defence sources in the know said.

"This claim suggests that the attackers may have compromised personal information related to defence persons including the login credentials," a source said.

In addition, the group also attempted to deface the official website of AVNL.

As a precautionary measure, the website of AVNL has been taken offline for a thorough and deliberate audit, in order to assess the extent of any potential damage caused by the defacement attempt and to ensure the integrity of the website, the source stated. "Furthermore, cybersecurity experts and agencies are actively monitoring cyberspace to detect any additional cyberattacks, particularly those that may be sponsored by threat actors linked to Pakistan," they said.

Identifying future risks

This ongoing surveillance aims to quickly identify and mitigate any future risks posed by these cyber attackers, the source observed. They said that in response, appropriate and necessary measures are being taken to bolster the security infrastructure, strengthen digital defences, and safeguard against further intrusion attempts.

Since the uptick on tensions between the two countries, there have been earlier cyber attack attempts on Army-affiliated institutions.

INBRIEF

Goa panel blames temple for not following directives

The Shree Lairai Devi Temple authorities in Shirgao, Goa, are drawing criticism from the government appointed fact-finding committee for allegedly not following directives to ensure crowd control. The temple committee has denied the claims made by the government. Six people were killed and over 80 injured in a stampede that broke out during an annual festival at the temple on May 3. Two patients remain critical at the Goa Medical College. An official said the Goa government had urged the temple authorities to hand over the entire responsibility to the State so that the Lairai festival can be declared a State festival, but the temple committee refused.

HC disposes of plea seeking probe into Rahul's citizenship

The Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court on Monday disposed of a public interest litigation (PIL) petition seeking a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the citizenship of Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. A Bench of Justices A.R. Masoodi and Rajiv Singh allowed the petitioner to approach the appropriate forum to seek relief. In previous hearings, Deputy Solicitor-General S.B. Pandey had submitted in court that, the Ministry concerned had written to the U.K. government, seeking details on Mr. Gandhi's alleged British citizenship, and hence the government needed more time to take a final decision on the petitioner's representation.

Govt., online companies spar in SC over GST on games of skill, chance

Centre contends that betting or wagering on any kind of game, whether chance or skill-based, is gambling; petitioner says fundamental issue is the 'ancient exception' given to games of skill

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The core dispute in the case concerned the interpretation of GST applicability on online gaming. GETTY IMAGES

The Supreme Court on Monday saw the government and online gaming companies spar on whether games of skills such as rummy, chess, and bridge will "metamorphosise" into games of chance, and their earnings be subject to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.

Appearing before a Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan, Additional Solicitor-General N. Venkataraman, for the government, said games of skill would continue to be what they were until bets or wagers were placed on it. "Then it will become gambling, in spite of being a game of skill... Betting on a game of skill is statutorily considered gambling," Mr. Venkataraman argued.

He contended that betting or wagering on any kind of game, whether chance or skill-based, was gambling.

Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, appearing for one of the companies, said the "fundamental issue" in the case was about an "ancient exception" given to games of skill.

Mr. Singhvi submitted that five-judge and seven-judge Benches of the constitutional courts have consistently held that games of skill were per se not categorised as chance-based.

"Is the government saying that in chess, the moment I put money on it, the game metamorphosises from a game of skill into a game of chance? The character of a game cannot be so changed," Mr. Singhvi objected to the government's line of argument.

In January, the top court had stayed the operation of show-cause notices worth ₹1.12 lakh crore issued under GST proceedings against online gaming companies. About 50 online gaming companies are before the top court.

The core dispute in the case concerned the interpretation of GST applicability on online gaming. The government has argued that 28% GST must apply to the total contest entry amount, effectively taxing the entire prize pool.

However, gaming companies contended that GST should only be levied on their platform fees or commission, as many of these games involve skill rather than chance.

Last year, the top court had transferred to itself 27 writ petitions, pending across nine State High Courts, challenging the levy of 28% GST on all forms of online real-money gaming.

The petitions were tagged with a pending case concerning a decision of the Karnataka High Court, which had quashed a GST show-cause notice of ₹21,000 crore while holding that online or electronic or digital Rummy played on Gameskraft, a gaming platform, was not taxable as a betting or gambling activity. In January 2024, the top court had issued notice to the Centre on a plea filed by the e-gaming federation against the levy of 28% GST.

World Bank official to represent India at IMF Executive Board

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

V. Parameswaran Iyer

Parameswaran Iyer, Executive Director at the World Bank, has been temporarily entrusted with the responsibility of being India's nominee Director on the Board of International Monetary Fund (IMF) ahead of a crucial May 9 meeting, sources said.

Mr. Iyer's nomination was necessitated to fill a vacancy created with the termination of services of K.V. Subramanian as the Executive Director at the IMF, six months ahead of his three-year tenure.

The government's decision assumes significance as the IMF Executive Board will meet on May 9, to take a call on a new $1.3 billion loan under a climate resilience loan programme, along with the first review of the ongoing $7 billion bailout package for Pakistan.

India is making efforts to corner Pakistan diplomatically and at various global fora as New Delhi believes its involvement in the Pahalgam terror attack.

According to sources, had India not nominated Mr. Iyer, the alternate Executive Director Harischandra Pahath Kumbure Gedara of Sri Lanka would have discharged duties of ED as per the rules of the Washington-based multilateral funding agency. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has terminated Mr. Subramanian's services effective April 30, 2025. The reasons for his exit have not been officially announced.

According to the sources, Mr. Subramanian is learnt to have raised questions about the IMF's datasets, which did not go down well in the corridors of the multilateral agency. In the past too, the IMF has been unhappy with some of his statements, especially related to India's debt situation. Besides, the sources said, concerns were raised over an "alleged impropriety" relating to the promotion of his latest book, *India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse*.

Family of BSF jawan urges swap with Pak. Ranger

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The family of BSF jawan Purnam Kumar Sahu, who was apprehended by the Pakistani forces from the International Border in Punjab on April 23, on Monday expressed hope of a possible swap following the detention of a Pakistan Ranger in Rajasthan by the BSF.

"Now [the detained Pakistan Ranger's family] will understand what condition our family has been in for the past 11 or 12 days. That family must also be in the same state. Hopefully, they can pressure their government to pursue his release and agree to return my husband in a swap," Rajni Sahu, the BSF jawan's wife, said. She said the family was anxious about Mr. Sahu's condition.

India registers its strong protest with Canada after pro-Khalistan Toronto rally

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The rally raised religious slogans and sought expulsion of Canadians of Indian origin

India on Monday conveyed its concerns in the "strongest terms" to the Canadian High Commission after a rally in Toronto depicted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other top Ministers of the Government of India in an objectionable manner. This was the first such communication from the Indian side since the new Prime Minister Mark Carney was elected a week ago.

"We have conveyed our concerns in the strongest terms to the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi regarding the parade held in Toronto where unacceptable imagery and threatening language were used against our leadership, and Indian citizens residing in Canada. We once again call on the Canadian authorities to act against anti-India elements who spread hatred and advocate extremism and separatist agenda," said an official source after India expressed displeasure to Canada.

Mr. Carney's victory was welcomed by the Government of India with Mr. Modi sending a congratulatory message to Ottawa saying: "Congratulations @MarkJCarney on your election as the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Liberal Party on their victory. India and Canada are bound by shared democratic values, a steadfast commitment to the rule of law, and vibrant people-to-people ties. I look forward to working with you to strengthen our partnership and unlock greater opportunities for our people."

On Sunday, a large pro-Khalistan rally was taken out in Toronto that used terms like "Kill India" and depicted several leading figures including Mr. Modi in a derogatory manner. The rally also raised slogans on religious lines and sought expulsion of Canadians of Indian origin. India's relations with Canada had turned cold since 2023 when former PM Justin Trudeau accused Indian agents of assassinating Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a pro-Khalistan preacher.

Parachutes for uncrewed ISRO mission flagged off

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

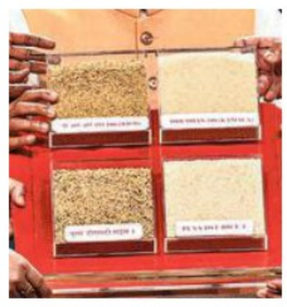
A set of parachutes developed for the first uncrewed mission of India's Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme was shipped from Agra on Monday. The parachutes were developed by the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), a laboratory under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

"Indigenously developed parachutes for the safe return of the astronauts under the proposed Gaganyaan Programme are set to undergo unmanned mission by the ISRO," the ADRDE stated.

Under the Gaganyaan programme, the ISRO aims to send two or three astronauts into Low Earth Orbit.

Activists ask Centre to withdraw genome-edited rice varieties, say it's unsafe

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



The Centre had announced the development of two gene-edited varieties of rice. ANI

The Coalition for GM-free India, a civil society organisation that is fighting a case against genetically modified crops in the Supreme Court, has demanded that the Centre withdraw the two genome-edited paddy varieties announced on Sunday.

The organisation, in a statement on Monday, said the seeds have the potential to harm humans and cause irreversible damage to the environment. Venugopal Badaravada, a member of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) governing body representing farmers, said the announcement reflects a troubling trend of prioritising "science for headlines" over "solutions for the farm".

The coalition termed the announcement illegal and said the Centre knows that lack of safety will reveal itself if the genome-edited rice varieties are put through regulatory testing, and therefore deregulate Site-Directed Nuclease 1 and Site-Directed Nuclease 2 (SDN-1 and SDN-2) gene editing techniques in the country. "It is shocking that the Government of India is doing unlawful things under pressure from corporate lobbies. There is an enormous body of scientific literature that is pointing to the lack of safety of gene editing techniques," the Coalition said, adding that the seeds are being released based on unscientific rationale and "under a smokescreen of higher yield/drought resistance, etc, without any safety testing at all."

The Centre had announced the development of two varieties of rice, Kamala (DRR Dhan 100), developed by the Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad, and Pusa DST Rice 1, developed by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Delhi.

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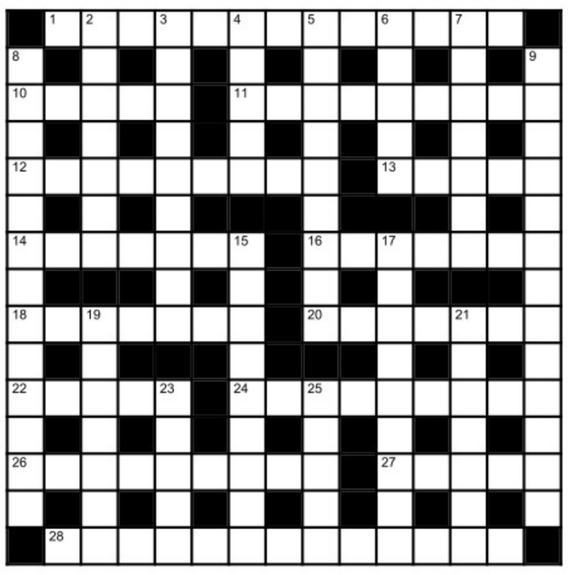

Across

1 Immensely burdensome, yea, disconcerting (6,7)
10 She is working daily (5)
11 Male gets pulled in, oddly by a female Canadian representative (5-4)
12 Negotiates - vain to negotiate with a billionaire (9)
13 Subject of border within the borders (5)
14 Not hard to collect tax on drug (7)
16 Below one pound, rate varies here in Canada (7)
18 One wearing police badge - top leadership is very important (3,4)
20 Land reclaimed partly as Agra is in Uttar Pradesh (7)
22 Starts showing off military medals earned in this battle (5)
24 Boiled potatoes - hard to get a kneader (9)
26 Setter flips on a race issue (9)
27 Leave with family - fly away, my friend (5)
28 Loathe daggers used for fighting (2,11)

Down

2 I've cut the top and bottom of these leafy vegetables (7)
3 Song about variety and a drink (9)
4 Synchronised to come up and quit (5)
5 Move with European banks, approve a short contract (2,7)
6 Change of heart - hardly any smell (5)
7 Horned animal regularly groomed over grass (3,4)
8 Mistake vehicles for old guns (13)
9 Haifa seafront bombed somehow (5,1,7)
15 Showing signs of age - call outstanding (9)
17 Bye-bye to the subject covering very novel yoga (3,6)
19 Many changes in tax for an athlete (7)
21 Perhaps braised a guillemot (7)
23 Time to support the bard (5)
25 Often ordered to suppress the voice (5)

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Two qualities of Acharyas

In the sixth pasuram of Thiruppavai, Andal describes how Gopikas who are ready to begin the day's vrata, wake up the girls who are still asleep. One of the girls thus woken up, asks them how they know that the day has dawned. They tell the girl that birds are calling out indicating that the sun has risen. The sound of the conch is another indication. But the girl is still not convinced. But why should those awake bother to wake up the ones sleeping? Can they not just go ahead with their own worship? When we get to enjoy something pleasant, we should enable others to have such an experience, said T.N. Aravamuda Thathachariar in a discourse.

The Gopikas do not want their friends to miss out on Krishnanubhava. But all of them are devotees of Krishna. So why is it that some of them are ready to begin the day's worship, while the others are still not out of bed? Bhakti can be intoxicating and in some cases leaves the devotee in a state where he or she is unable to get up and resume normal day-to-day activities. The sleeping girls do not lack Krishna bhakti. In their case, Krishna bhakti has left them in a state where they are unable to get up. This pasuram has references to the Putana episode. Putana came with the evil intention of killing Krishna. But by sucking out her life, Krishna blessed her with moksha. Andal's reference to birds is symbolically a reference to Acharyas. Just as a bird has two wings, an Acharya has two qualities – he has jnana and adheres to Sastraic rules. The white conch spoken of by Andal indicates pranava. Acharyas who have jnana and anushtana, teach their sishyas the meaning of pranava.

INBRIEF

Bank of Baroda reduces home loan interest rate to 8%

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has announced a reduction in its home loan interest rates from 8.4% earlier to 8% p.a. "The rates are applicable on fresh home loans and home improvement loans. The rate is applicable on loans of ₹15 lakh and above and is linked to a borrower's credit score. The bank had already passed on the repo rate reduction benefits to its existing borrowers with loans linked to repo rate," the public sector lender said in a statement.

IHCL Q4 net up 25% to ₹522 cr., firm to pay ₹2.25 via dividend

Indian Hotels Company Ltd. (IHCL) reported a 25% year-on-year growth in Q4 net profit to ₹522 crore, according to a statement by the company. Quarterly revenue grew 27% to ₹2,487 crore. The board recommend a dividend of ₹2.25 a share. For FY25, net profit grew 52% to ₹1,908 crore while revenue rose 23% to ₹8,565 crore. The company said the full year and Q4 profit after tax (PAT) before exceptional items was ₹1,603 crore and ₹525 crore respectively.

CK Birla Group rebrands as The CKA Birla Group

The CK Birla Group announced rebranding to The CKA Birla Group. Having it's origins 170 years ago, 'the rebranding reflects the Group's evolution from a diversified industrial conglomerate into a future-focused enterprise driven by technology and services,' the group said in a statement. "It reflects the organisation's evolving mission and the diversification of the product portfolio, appealing to a broader and global customer base," it added.

At WTO, U.S. queries India's PLI scheme for speciality steel

Scheme aims to reduce imports of high grade steel, attain self sufficiency, says India, which was a net importer in FY25 for the second year in row

Amiti Sen
NEW DELHI

The U.S. has questioned India's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for specialty steel at the WTO suggesting the subsidies may not be appropriate given the global overcapacity in steel, sources said.

India, however, maintains the scheme will reduce its dependence on imports of higher grades of steel and is a much-needed step towards attaining self-sufficiency and securing the nation's interests.

"We specifically note there was a part of this (PLI) scheme for specialty steel designed to raise steel production. Why is India subsidising increased production when there is global overcapacity in steel?" as per a submission made by the U.S. to the WTO Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Duties.

Self-reliance: Compared with nations like China with estimated steel subsidies of $50 bn, India's subsidies are small. REUTERS

Boost local output

Speciality steel is one of the 14 sectors included by the Centre in its flagship PLI scheme unveiled in 2021 with an outlay of ₹1.97 lakh crore. The purpose of the PLI scheme is to boost domestic manufacturing, attract global investments and create employment in the identified sectors with high potential for growth.

The U.S.' linking of the PLI scheme for speciality steel with global overcapacity does not hold much merit as India was a net importer of steel in FY25 for the second consecutive year, a source tracking the matter told *businessline*.

Self-sufficiency

Despite being the world's second largest producer of steel, India lags in production of specialty and high-end steel and is dependent on imports.

"The objective of the PLI scheme for specialty steel is to promote manufacturing of value-added steel grades within the country and help the Indian steel industry mature in terms of technology as well as move up the value chain. This will also result in reduction in imports of these grades and will be a step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat," according to a government statement.

"India's PLI scheme is designed to be compliant with WTO norms. It does not include export obligations or link subsidies to export performance, which are not allowed under WTO rules. It only incentivises investment and sales growth within India," the source said.

Moreover, compared with countries like China with estimated steel subsidies of $50 billion, India's subsidies are miniscule. The first round of India's PLI scheme for specialty steel was notified on July 29, 2021 by the Ministry of Steel with a budgetary outlay of ₹ 6,322 crore.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

Auto retail sales rise 3% in April led by 2Ws, tractors

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Overall auto retail sales for April 2025 grew 3% Year on Year (YoY) led by growth in retail sales of three-wheelers (3W) and tractors.

As per data provided by The Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), two-wheeler (2W) sales grew by 2.25%, 3W by 24.5%, passenger vehicles (PV) by 1.55%, tractors by 7.5% whereas commercial vehicle sales fell 1% YoY.

FADA said the PV inventory stood at 50 days and had advocated a 21-day stock norm. Two-wheelers grew 2.25% backed by strong rural demand while PV sales rose due to offer of deep discounts by OEMs. Price hike by OEMs and flat freight rates led to commercial vehicle (CV) sales dropping by 1.05%, FADA said.

"The new financial year began on a modest note as overall retails in April managed to grow by 3% YoY. All categories except CV closed in the green," said C. S. Vigneshwar, President FADA.

Tariff war pause

"With the tariff war paused, stock markets staged a sharp pullback–alleviating investor concerns–and customers thus leveraged Chaitra Navratri, Akshay Tritiya, Bengali New Year, Baisakhi and Vishu to complete purchases, helping April end on a positive note," he said in a statement.

Two-wheelers grew 2.25% backed by strong rural demand. GETTY IMAGES

IMD's forecast of an above-normal southwest monsoon bodes well for rural income, farm growth

On the immediate outlook the FADA president said, "May's agricultural cycle is concluding on a strong note, underpinned by healthy crop prices and robust mandi procurement.

"The IMD's forecast of an above-normal southwest monsoon bodes well for rural incomes, farm-sector growth and downstream demand, while a well-distributed rainy season is critical to containing food inflation," he said.

"At the same time, Kantar's Rural Barometer and GroupM data signal heightened consumer selectivity in rural India – household spending has outpaced income growth, and inflationary pressures are tempering discretionary purchases," he added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,797	0.37
US Dollar	84.30	------
Gold	97,350	------
Brent oil	60.25	------

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2455.50	161.30
Adani Ports	1347.10	80.00
Apollo Hosp	6974.00	19.50
Asian Paints	2436.90	27.10
Axis Bank	1173.20	-9.00
Bajaj Auto	7920.50	84.00
Bajaj Finserv	2026.20	68.20
Bajaj Finance	8932.00	69.50
Bharat Elec	315.30	3.95
Bharti Airtel	1866.00	14.10
Cipla	1542.90	17.30
Coal India	385.60	1.20
Dr Reddys Lab	1171.30	-11.60
Eicher Motors	5460.50	23.00
Eternal Ltd.	239.90	5.61
Grasim Ind	2755.10	36.80
HCL Tech	1568.60	-7.90
HDFC Bank	1936.80	11.80
HDFC Life	738.90	11.15
Hero MotoCorp	3767.60	27.10
Hindalco	633.40	1.30
Hind Unilever	2348.60	24.70
ICICI Bank	1429.40	-3.00
IndusInd Bank	846.75	-6.25
Infosys	1508.60	1.80
ITC	436.95	6.70
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	260.60	1.80
JSW Steel	955.50	-17.70
Kotak Bank	2084.90	-100.30
L&T	3330.20	0.40
M&M	3021.50	95.30
Maruti Suzuki	12458.00	52.00
NestleIndia	2328.20	-9.50
NTPC	348.60	0.15
ONGC	239.20	-4.22
PowerGrid Corp	308.20	4.25
Reliance Ind	1431.30	8.90
SBI Life	1769.90	5.20
State Bank	790.00	-10.00
Shriram Finance Ltd.	628.85	24.65
Sun Pharma	1836.60	7.20
TataConsumerProduct	1161.50	4.70
Tata Motors	661.55	9.55
Tata Steel	142.08	0.90
TCS	3454.30	9.60
Tech Mahindra	1494.60	-1.70
Titan	3321.80	-19.20
Trent Ltd.	5370.50	222.50
UltraTech Cement	11670.00	26.00
Wipro	243.57	0.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on May 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	84.05	84.37
Euro	95.41	95.77
British Pound	111.95	112.38
Japanese Yen (100)	58.45	58.67
Chinese Yuan	11.56	11.61
Swiss Franc	102.16	102.56
Singapore Dollar	65.23	65.49
Canadian Dollar	60.90	61.13
Malaysian Ringitt	20.00	20.10
Australian Dollar	54.53	54.74

Source:Indian Bank

M&M Q4 net surges 22% to ₹2,437 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) reported a 22% year on year growth in standalone net profit to ₹2,437 crore backed by volume growth in auto and tractor businesses. Revenue grew 24% to ₹31,609 crore.

While total vehicle volume rose 18% to 2,53,028 units, tractor sales volume grew 23% to 87,138 units.

For FY25, M&M's standalone net profit grew 11% to ₹11,855 crore while revenues climbed 17% to ₹1,18,625 crore. Auto volumes rose 4% to 9,41,115 units. Tractor sales volumes in FY25 rose 12% to 4,20,636 units. The board has proposed to pay a dividend of ₹25.3 per share. On a consolidated basis, Q4 net profit increased 20% to ₹3,295 crore and revenue 20% to ₹42,599 crore. For FY25, consolidated net profit at ₹12,929 crore was up 15% while revenue climbed 14% to ₹1,59,211 crore.

"Auto and farm continue to expand profitability," said Anish Shah, group CEO & MD, M&M Ltd.

"TechM is making commendable progress towards its dual objectives of strengthening client positioning and margin expansion. We continue to build strong businesses which will deliver significant value to our stakeholders."

Auto and Farm continue to gain market share, says Anish Shah, group CEO and MD.

Rajesh Jejurikar, ED & CEO (Auto and Farm Sector), said, "We continued outstanding performance for the year in Q4-FY25, with significant gain of 310 bps in SUV revenue share and 480 bps in LCV (3.5T) market share.

"In tractors, we reached highest-ever Q4 market share of 41.2%, gaining 180 bps. In FY25, auto standalone PBIT margin rose 110 bps and core tractor PBIT margins by 200 bps."

Samsung fights $520-mn India tax demand, points to Reliance practice

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Samsung asked an Indian tribunal to quash a $520 million tax demand for allegedly mis-classifying import of networking gear, arguing officials were aware of the practice as Reliance imported the same component in a similar manner for years, documents show.

Samsung becomes the second major foreign firm in recent months to challenge Indian tax demand.

Volkswagen has sued the Centre in court for a record demand of $1.4 billion for mis-classifying its component imports.

Samsung 'mis-classifed import of networking gear.'

In the Samsung case, tax authorities in January asked Samsung to pay $520 million for evading 10-20% tariffs by mis-classifying imports of a key mobile tower equipment, which it sold to billionaire Reliance Jio from 2018 to 2021.

In its 281-page challenge at the Customs Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal in Mumbai, Samsung criticised Indian authorities for being "fully aware" of the business model as Reliance had a "long-established practice" of importing the same equipment without any tariff payments for three years until 2017.

Samsung's India unit says it found during an Indian tax investigation Reliance had been warned about the practice way back in 2017, but Reliance did not inform the South Korean company about it and tax officials never questioned Samsung.

"The classification adopted by the appellant (Samsung) was known to the authorities, however the same was never questioned ... Department was fully aware," Samsung says in its April 17 filing.

'Indian pharma must tap Kuwait market'

N. Ravi Kumar
HYDERABAD

A reliance on imports in the absence of significant manufacturing footprint coupled with a growing population make Kuwait a promising destination for Indian pharmaceutical firms to export or set up production facilities, according to a study report commissioned by the Indian Embassy in the West Asian country.

Kuwait's pharma imports from India are the lowest among Gulf Cooperation Council member-countries, both in terms of value and share of total imports. It is a pointer to the untapped potential for lower cost options from India, which globally is a major generic drugs supplier, the Marmore MENA Intelligence report for the Embassy found.

In 2023, of Kuwait's total pharma imports of $1,881 million, India accounted for 0.7%. A little over 2% of total GCC pharma imports were from India. Indian pharmaceuticals form 4.6% of Oman's total pharma imports, the highest among the GCC countries.

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IISc/CCMD/Tenders/2025-26 Date: 02.05.2025

Tender Notification- IISc/Tender-CIV-03/2025-26

Indian Institute of Science invites bids in two cover system through e-procurement platform **https://eprocure.gov.in.** Any specialized firms company registered under KPWD /CPWD/ railways/ MES/ central PSUs/ or any Government department of Class I/Class A Civil Contractors are eligible to apply for the work of **"Construction of Drain and Revamping of Street light poles from Ooc to Biological Science back side with walk way and other allied works at IISc"** Estimated Cost of Project is **Rs. 50,62,042.7/-** Last date of receipt of application is **22nd May 2025 at 1530 Hrs.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the Centre for Campus Management & Development, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore on all working days or **e-mail office.ccmd@iisc.ac.in.**

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No.KMSCL/ED/111/2024 Date : 03.05.2025

RE-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement of Drugs for Multiple Sclerosis for KSSM for the year 2025 - 2026.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	No. Drugs
1.	KMSCL/ED/Multiple sclerosis/RT//2025/007 dtd. 03/05/2025	01

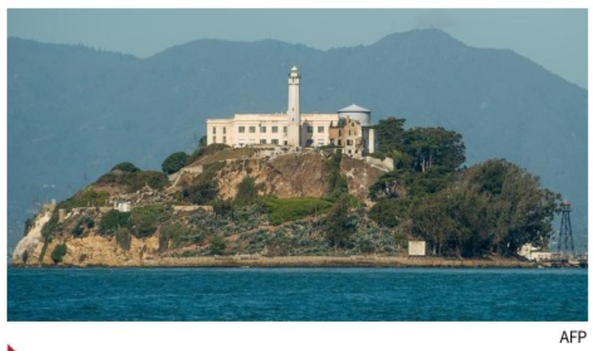
Last date and time of online uploading of tender - 19.05.2025, 5.00 pm.
Date and time of opening of Technical bid - 22.05.2025 11.30 am.

Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

NEW YORK

Trump to reopen defunct Alcatraz prison to house 'ruthless offenders'



AFP

U.S. President Donald Trump said he had directed officials to rebuild and reopen Alcatraz prison, the notorious federal jail based on a small island in California that closed six decades ago due to high operating costs. He wants the enlarged and rebuilt Alcatraz to house America's most ruthless and violent Offenders. AFP

COLOMBO

Cash-strapped Maldives signs deal worth $8.8 billion with Qatar

AFP

Cash-strapped Maldives signed a deal with a Dubai-based company to establish a $8.8 billion investment zone aimed at diversifying the tourism hotspot into a "financial freezone". Three residential and office towers, a convention centre and hotels will form part of the Maldives International Financial Centre (MIFC), officials said. AFP

SANAA

U.S. and Israel bomb Yemen after strike on Israeli airport: Houthis

AP

Yemen's Houthis said the U.S. and Israel struck the port of Hodeida on Monday, hours after a reported U.S. air raid on Sanaa and a day after the Iran-backed rebels targeted Israel's main airport. Another three strikes were reported in Sanaa and seven in the northern governorate of Al-Jawf. AFP

VATICAN CITY

Francis' popemobile converted into clinic for Gazan children

AFP

Before his death, Pope Francis donated one of his popemobiles to be converted into a children's clinic in war-torn Gaza. The iconic open-sided vehicle, designed to allow the pontiff to greet crowds of well-wishers, has been transferred to Caritas Jerusalem and will head to Gaza if and when Israel opens a humanitarian corridor. AFP

Pakistan conducts yet another missile test

Agence France-Presse
ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan military said on Monday it had conducted a second missile test since a fresh stand-off with India over the disputed region of Kashmir.

The missile test comes as Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi was in Islamabad on Monday for talks, before heading to New Delhi later this week.

The Pakistan military tested a surface-to-surface missile with a range of 120 km, according to Monday's statement.

On Saturday, the military said it had tested a surface-to-surface missile with a range of 450 km.

Trump threatens 100% tariff on films made outside the U.S.

U.S. President targets 'any and all movies coming into our country produced in foreign lands'; he complains of other countries offering incentives to draw filmmakers and studios away from U.S.

Associated Press
NEW YORK

U.S. President Donald Trump is opening a new salvo in his tariff war, targeting films made outside the U.S.

In a post on Sunday night on his Truth Social platform, Mr. Trump said he has authorised the Department of Commerce and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to slap a 100% tariff "on any and all Movies coming into our Country that are produced in Foreign Lands."

"The Movie Industry in America is DYING a very fast death," he wrote, complaining that other countries "are offering all sorts of incentives to draw" filmmakers and studios away from the U.S. "This is a concerted effort by other Nations and, therefore, a National Security threat. It is messaging and propaganda!"

Wasted effort: U.S. President Donald Trump has alleged that the movie industry in the U.S. is dying a fast death. AP

It was not immediately clear how any such tariff on international productions could be implemented. It's common for both large and small films to include production in the U.S. and in other countries. Big-budget movies like the upcoming *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning*, for instance, are shot around the world.

The Motion Picture Associationdid not immediately respond to messages Sunday evening.

Bangladesh court orders the arrest of detained Hindu monk

Press Trust of India
DHAKA

A Bangladesh court on Monday ordered the arrest of detained Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das in connection with the murder of a lawyer, who was hacked to death outside a Chattogram court in November last year.

A former ISKCON leader, Mr. Das was arrested at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka on November 25 in a sedition case over alleged defamation of the national flag. He was taken to a Chattogram court, which rejected his bail petition and sent him to jail the next day.

His arrest sparked widespread protests, with his followers demonstrating in Dhaka and other places. In Chattogram, the protest turned violent when assistant government prosecutor Saiful Islam Alif was hacked to death.

Chinmoy Krishna Das

"He (Das) was shown arrested in the murder case of advocate Saiful Islam Alif under a court order," Chattogram Additional Deputy Commissioner Mafiz Uddin told reporters after the hearing on Monday.

The court officials said metropolitan magistrate S.M. Alauddin issued the order accepting a police petition during the hearing. The Chattogram Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court's public prosecutor, Mofizul Haque Bhuiyan, said police submitted applications seeking orders to show him arrested in four cases while the court accepted one of the petitions related to the lawyer's murder.

On April 30, a High Court bench ordered Das' release on bail. The court's decision was challenged before the Appellate Division's chamber judge Justice Rezaul Haque, who stayed the ruling.

Sri Lankans to vote in local government elections today

Meera Srinivasan
GAMPAHA

Over 17 million Sri Lankan voters will on Tuesday get to vote in the local government elections – the island nation's third election in seven months – to elect representatives to as many as 336 local bodies.

The voters will choose members and chairs of Municipal Councils, Urban Councils, and Pradeshiya [rural] Sabhas in the first electoral contest after a popular wave propelled President Anura Kumara Dissanayake and his National People's Power [NPP] coalition to power last year. With successive wins in Sri Lanka's crucial presidential and parliamentary polls in 2024, the leftist NPP consolidated power, securing a two-thirds majority in the legislature. The local elections assume significance also because the former Ranil Wickremesinghe administration postponed holding them in 2023, citing "lack of funds" for polls, owing to the economic crisis.

Over the past few weeks, the ruling NPP has been campaigning hard, with President Dissanayake addressing public rallies across the country, including in the Tamil-majority Jaffna district where the NPP outdid traditional Tamil nationalist parties in the general elections. The campaign speeches of NPP leaders and contestants have sought to highlight the government's efforts through the past seven months, mainly towards weeding out corruption, amid criticism from sections over poll-pledges that are yet to be implemented. Opposition parties, which fared poorly in the national elections, are trying to woo voters, by promising to deliver at the local level, to regain lost political capital.

The island nation's third election in seven months is being held to elect representatives to as many as 336 local bodies. FILE PHOTO

Twenty-one-year-old K. Munasinghe, who works at a small trinket store in Colombo's neighbouring Gampaha district, says she "definitely" sees a change in the country after the NPP came to power. Countering government critics, she says: "There is some relief from the crippling cost of living. After other parties gobbled up our country's wealth for decades, the new government cannot overturn everything immediately. They need time and I am hopeful." According to Sri Lanka's latest Census of Population and Housing [2024], Gampaha is the most populous district with about 2.4 million people, followed by Colombo which has 2.3 million people.

Days ahead of the election, hundreds of posters adorn the walls of the town, except, they are not of politicians. "Mathematics", "chemistry", "geography", they scream, with studio portraits of local teachers, advertising the district's thriving private tuition culture.

Once a stronghold of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party – prominent politicians including former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga and former Minister Basil Rajapaksa were elected to Parliament from this district – Gampaha gave its highest preference of votes to current Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath in the November 2024 parliamentary elections.

"We wanted change, and the NPP has just come to power. Big things are yet to happen, we must wait and see. But if you ask me, most benefits for people come through the local bodies and councils. That's why what happens this time is important," says D.M. Damayanthi, who works at a newspaper sales centre.

Voters observed that in the past, politicians in local bodies built strong patronage networks. Familiarity with and proximity to candidates often drove voter decisions. While some Sri Lankan analysts say this presents a challenge to the NPP, a relatively new entity, party organisers are confident of retaining their voters. In addition to promising good civic infrastructure, public spaces, and prompt services at government institutions, the campaign continues to pitch "brand AKD" [as President Dissanayake is popularly known] to the public. "At the heart of brand AKD is anti-corruption. All the candidates fielded by our party are non-corrupt, clean individuals. So, there is consistency between our messaging and politics at the national as well as local level," says Eric Ediriwickrama, NPP's team leader for the Municipal Council in Gampaha.

RSF helps Russian reporter flee for France

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

A Russian reporter critical of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine said on Monday she fled to France after Reporters Without Borders (RSF) smuggled her out of Russia.

"It was very difficult," Ukrainian-born journalist Ekaterina Barabash, who faces up to 10 years in prison for criticising Moscow's Army, told a news conference at the media watchdog's headquarters in Paris.

Her journey lasted around two-and-a-half weeks, she said in English.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, authorities have launched thousands of cases against people accused of "discrediting" the Army.

At least 19 killed in Israeli strikes on Gaza Strip

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY

Gaza's civil defence agency said two Israeli air strikes killed at least 19 persons in the war-ravaged Palestinian territory's north early Monday.

"Our teams found 15 martyrs and 10 wounded, mostly children and women, after an Israeli strike on three apartments" northwest of Gaza City, said the agency's spokesman, Mahmud Bassal.

Four other persons were killed and four wounded in a strike on a house in Beit Lahiya, north of Gaza City, he said.

Office of the Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Sahibganj

Very Short Term Tender e-Procurement Notice (7th Call)

e-Tender Reference No. :- **DWSD/SAHIBGANJ- 11/2024-25** **Date- 03.05.2025**

Sl.	Name of Work	Name of Scheme	Group No.	Model No.	No. of Schemes	No. of FHTC	Estimated Cost (In Lac)	Earnest Money (In Lac)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	Month
1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10
1	1. Construction of rural water supply Scheme with 1.0 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set &Construction of DT/GPT/HYDT/HYGPT (as applicable) Bore wellfor Tolas/Village/Areas which is not included in MVS and has no electricity or less electricity to supply water 2000 LPH at least 15/30 year for 24x7 supply under JJM in the state of Jharkhand. **(Model-IB)** 2. Construction of rural water supply Scheme with 2 Nos. 1.00 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set for Tolas/ Village/ Areas which is not included in MVS and has no electricity or less electricity on 2 Nos. DT/GPT/HYDT/HYGPT (as applicable) having potential to supply water 2000 LPH maximum at least 15/30 years for 24 x 7 supply under JJM in the state of Jharkhand. **(Model-3)** **3.**Construction of rural water supply Scheme with 2 Nos. 2.00 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set for Tolas/ Village/ Areas which is not included in MVS and no electricity or less electricity on 2 Nos. DT/GPT/HYDT/HYGPT (as applicable) having potential to supply water 2000 LPH maximum at least 15/30 years for 24 x7 supply under JJM in the state of Jharkhand.**(Model-4)**	Topara Group of SVS	SVS-03	1B	21	616	193.38	3.90	10000.00	6 Months
2	Date & Time of Publication of Tender on website		06.05.2025/ 06:00 P.M							
3	Last Date & Time for receipt of Bid		13.05.2025/ 05:00 P.M							
4	**Last date / time of Online submission of Earnest Money and Cost of BOQ** (As per Letter No. -120, dated-03.10.2023 of Secretary to Govt., Information Technology & e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand)		13.05.2025/ 05:00 PM							
5	Date & Time of Opening of Tender		14.05.2025 / 05:00 PM							
6	Name & address of office inviting tender		Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division,Sahibganj, Jharkhand							
7	Name & address of Opening officer		Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Sahibganj Jharkhand							
8	Contact No. of Procurement Office		9264195681							
9	Helpline No. of e-procurement cell		9264195681							

Note:- • No Claim shall be entertained because of disruption of internet service being used by the bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snags.
• Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
• Estimated cost may be increase or decrease.

PR.NO.351644 Drinking Water and Sanitation(25-26):D

Executive Engineer
Drinking Water and Sanitation, Division Sahibganj.

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Head Office : Bangalore

E-AUCTION Sale of Properties on 28.05.2025

Last date of EMD : 27.05.2025

ARM – I Branch, 2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.g. Road, Bangalore – 560001. Ph No. : 080 25310066. E-Mail – cb2366@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described imovable propeties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1,** Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **28.05.2025** at **10:30 AM to 11:00 AM,** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited, Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **27.05.2025 5.00 pm.**

(Rs. in lacs)

Sl.No.	Name and address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets	Total Dues Possession Type	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid	Inspection Date & Time
1.	**1. R Ranjeth S/o N Rajendran 2. N Rajendran 3. R Rajesh S/o N Rajendran All Are Residing At :** No 202, A Block, Sbi Staff Quarters, Binny Mill Garden, Magadi Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560023.	No-1, New Municipal No-2/3-2, Sy No-220, BBMP Khatha PID No-85-47-2/3-2, Nanjudappa garden, Cox Town, Doddigunta, Saravanagna Nagar, Bangalore-560005. **East by:** Drain, **West by:** Land of Nanjundappa and others, **North by:** Land of Nanjundappa and others, **South by:** Anjanappa's land with common passage of 4 feet leading to the road. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.992750 Longitude- 77.621972**	**Rs. 54,40,757.19** as on **04.05.2025** plus further interest and cost thereon	**a) ₹ 40.85 b) ₹ 4.09 c) ₹ 1.00**	**21.05.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM.** with Prior Appointment with The Authorized Officer

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 9627872626,7483935007,9538406090 and 9598559920 during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 05.05.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Canara Bank

SHOWING THE WAY

Cummins becomes first skipper to take a three-for in PowerPlay

K.V.S. GIRI

SRH's Pat Cummins registered the best figures by a skipper in the PowerPlay in IPL history. The previous best by a captain in the first six overs was Axar Patel's two for 10 against RCB earlier this season. Cummins sent back Karun Nair, Faf du Plessis and Abishek Porel in his first three overs.

NURSING A NIGGLE

Jayawardene reveals reason behind MI using Rohit as Impact Player

EMMANUAL YOGINI

Mumbai Indians' decision to use Rohit Sharma as an Impact Player in the IPL has raised eyebrows. But head coach Mahela Jayawardene revealed that the India captain was nursing a niggle since the Champions Trophy and that it was a conscious decision to not 'push him too hard' in the early phase of the tournament.

REPLACEMENT

Super Kings rope in Urvil in place of the injured Bedi

FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Chennai Super Kings has signed wicketkeeper-batter Urvil Patel as a replacement for Vansh Bedi, who has been ruled out of the remainder of the IPL due to a ligament tear in his left ankle. Urvil made headlines in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy when he smashed a 28-ball century — the joint-fastest T20 hundred by an Indian.

SMARAN OUT

SRH signs Harsh Dubey for the remainder of the season

FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

Sunrisers Hyderabad has roped in all-rounder Harsh Dubey as a replacement for the injured left-hander Smaran Ravichandran for the remainder of the IPL season. Dubey, who represents Vidarbha in the domestic circuit, has joined SRH for ₹30 lakh. The 22-year-old has featured in 16 T20s, 20 List-A matches, and 18 First Class games.

Rain reigns as Sunrisers' hopes end; great escape for Capitals

Last season's runner-up bows out of playoffs race; Hyderabad skipper Cummins blows away visitors' top-order before a half-century stand between Stubbs and Impact Player Ashutosh helps Delhi fight back after being 29 for five at one stage

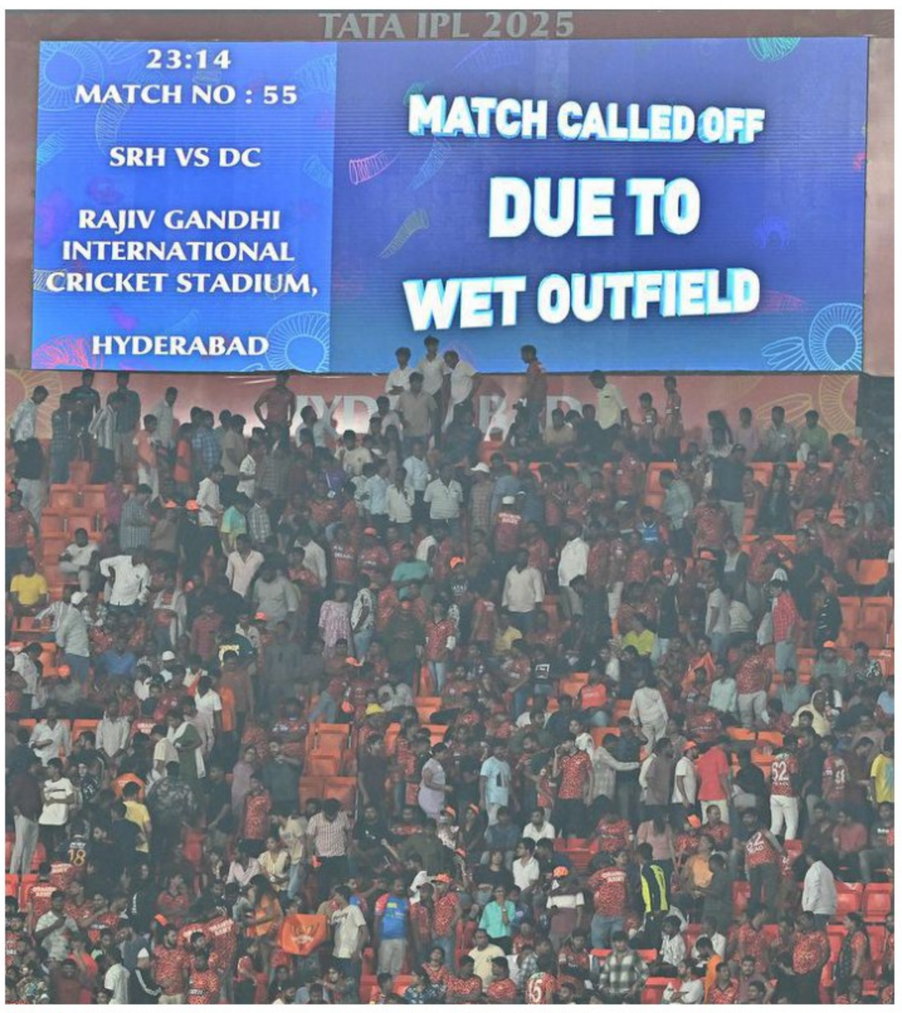
IPL-18

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

Seven losses in 10 games, veterans exposed and the inexperienced faltering. Despite a slim mathematical chance to make the playoffs, it was all over for Sunrisers Hyderabad in IPL 2025.

With everything to play for, SRH strung together a commendable performance with the ball.

The host restricted Delhi Capitals to 133 for seven before rain washed out the fixture at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium here on Monday.



Curtains: The sun set on Sunrisers' campaign on a day they dominated Capitals. K.V.S. GIRI

The Cummins show

After choosing to bowl on a red-soil surface devoid of grass, skipper Pat Cummins made the ball dance to his tunes from the get-go, removing the top-order in his three overs within the PowerPlay.

Karun Nair's rut continued, sent back off the very first ball of the innings. Faf du Plessis and Abishek Porel tried to negotiate Cummins and Jaydev Unadkat's Test match lengths, but in vain. SRH called on its experienced soldiers up front, with Harshal Patel tricking DC captain Axar Patel with a slower ball to leave the visitor reeling at 26 for four.

Ishan Kishan's safe gloves featured in three of these four dismissals.

Looking to put the squeeze on the Capitals, the Australian turned to Unadkat again in the eighth and the 33-year-old delivered instantly, drawing an edge from K.L. Rahul which Kishan pocketed without fuss.

DC's first six came in the 10th over, with Vipraj Nigam giving the handful of blue shirts among the 35,000-plus crowd something to cheer about.

That said, the inconsistent SRH one has grown accustomed to resurfaced, allowing Tristan Stubbs and Ashutosh Sharma to settle. The duo's 66-run stand off 45 balls revived the innings to a respectable but well below-par mark before rain arrived, leaving an unsalvageable outfield when it eventually left.

Much like how the late evening shower gave the locals a much-needed break from the sweltering heat, SRH put up its most impressive bowling performance yet to press pause on the disappointments of its run this season.

The summer will make its presence felt come the next day, as will the reality of SRH's failures. But this performance should be one to remember, even if it ultimately went unrewarded.

SCOREBOARD

DELHI CAPITALS
Karun Nair c Kishan b Cummins 0 *(1b)*, Faf du Plessis c Kishan b Cummins 3 *(8b)*, Abishek Porel c Kishan b Cummins 8 *(10b, 1x4)*, K.L. Rahul c Kishan b Unadkat 10 *(14b, 1x4)*, Axar Patel c Cummins b Harshal 6 *(7b, 1x4)*, Tristan Stubbs (not out) 41 *(36b, 4x4)*, Vipraj Nigam run out 18 *(17b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Ashutosh Sharma **(Impact Player for Porel)** c Abhinav b Malinga 41 *(26b, 2x4, 3x6)*, Mitchell Starc (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-2, w-3): 5; Total (for seven wkts. in 20 overs): 133.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Karun, 0.1 overs), 2-6 (du Plessis, 2.1), 3-15 (Porel, 4.1), 4-26 (Axar, 5.5), 5-29 (Rahul, 7.1), 6-62 (Vipraj, 12.1), 7-128 (Ashutosh, 19.4).

SUNRISERS BOWLING
Cummins 4-0-19-3, Unadkat 4-0-13-1, Harshal 4-0-36-1, Malinga 4-0-28-1, Zeeshan 3-0-30-0, Abhishek 1-0-5-0.
Toss: SRH.

Next assignment

DC: May 8 vs PBKS Dharamshala, 7.30 p.m.

SRH: May 10 vs KKR Hyderabad, 7.30 p.m.

MI, GT in high-voltage faceoff as race for the playoffs intensifies

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

Another run-feast awaits when Mumbai Indians squares off against Gujarat Titans in an IPL match at the Wankhede Stadium on Tuesday.

As the race for the playoffs intensifies, Mumbai Indians head coach Mahela Jayawardene confirmed that the fixture will be played on the same strip that was used for the match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru last month.

In that game, both teams scored 200-plus runs, with RCB eventually having the last laugh.

The MI camp looks confident after winning six in a row. With the best Net Run Rate among all teams, it needs two wins from the remaining three matches to ensure a direct spot in the final four, and the fact that it will play two of these games at home, comes as a huge boost.

Mumbai's batting lineup is well-oiled and with all its stars – including Suryakumar Yadav and Rohit Sharma among runs, the team will be hoping to keep the momentum going.

It's star-studded bowling unit, spearheaded by Jasprit Bumrah, has indeed been a force to reckon with, and with the Indian star in form, along with Trent Boult, Deepak Chahar and captain Hardik Pandya, it will be a challenge for the Titans batters to live up to expectations.

So far, the Titans' top-order has enjoyed success with the troika of B. Sai Sudharsan, Jos Buttler and skipper Shubman Gill dominating the show.

However, they need to be cautious against Mumbai bowlers.

While spinner Rashid Khan's form has been a concern, the return of Kagiso Rabada will bolster GT's bowling unit.

Time to shine: Rashid hasn't been at his best and will be keen to step up. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Today's match

MUMBAI INDIANS vs GUJARAT TITANS

Mumbai, 7.30 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 6
MI 2 | GT 4

PREVIOUS MEETING
GT won by 36 runs, 2025

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1 (SD & HD) & JIOHOTSTAR

Shreyas' idea to push Inglis to the No. 3 slot: Ponting

P.K. Ajith Kumar
DHARAMSHALA

A smart move it proved, sending Josh Inglis at No. 3 ahead of Shreyas Iyer, the captain who has been fantastic in that slot for Punjab Kings. Shortly after the Kings scored a 37-run victory against Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL at the HPCA Stadium on Sunday night, coach Ricky Ponting revealed the idea came from the skipper.

Inglis' 14-ball 30, after the early loss of Priyansh Arya, set the tone for the relentless onslaught that the Kings innings was. "Shreyas felt if we lose an early wicket, it would be the right to send Inglis in," Ponting said.

"We felt that Mayank Yadav would bowl early on, and he generally bowls reasonably short, and that is one of Inglis's great strengths, as you saw tonight. Those pull shots were pretty amazing straight away."

Going for it: Inglis made the most of the opportunity that came his way at the top of the order. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

From Inglis, Prabhsimran Singh took over, hammering a 48-ball 91. "He has been brilliant," the former Aussie captain said.

"Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran have got us off to good starts throughout the tournament. I challenged both of them for one of them to get a hundred in this match. Unfortunately, Prabhsimran fell a little bit short of that."

Ponting was also all praise for Arshdeep Singh, whose spell spelt doom for LSG.

"He has got more confident and is starting to get those PowerPlay wickets with the new ball," he said.

"His first over tonight set the tone for our bowling innings".

Rabada available for Mumbai match

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

South Africa pacer Kagiso Rabada will be available for selection for Gujarat Titans' IPL fixture against Mumbai Indians on Tuesday. Having completed a substance abuse treatment programme after testing positive for a recreational drug during the SA20 competition in January, and serving a one-month suspension following the discovery in April, the speedster attended the team's training session at the Wankhede Stadium on Monday.

"As far as Tuesday's match is concerned, he is now available given all of the decisions that have been taken and whatever has transpired over the past month or so," said Vikram Solanki, Gujarat Titans' director of cricket.

Points table

	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
Royal Challengers	11	8	3	0	16	0.482
Punjab Kings	11	7	3	1	15	0.376
Mumbai Indians	11	7	4	0	14	1.274
Gujarat Titans	10	7	3	0	14	0.867
Delhi Capitals	11	6	4	1	13	0.362
Kolkata Knight Riders	11	5	5	1	11	0.249
Lucknow Super Giants	11	5	6	0	10	-0.469
Sunrisers Hyderabad (E)	11	3	7	1	7	-1.192
Rajasthan Royals (E)	12	3	9	0	6	-0.718
Chennai Super Kings (E)	11	2	9	0	4	-1.117

* Till the SRH-DC match on May 5 E: Eliminated

Flick's Barcelona has the firepower to punish Inter

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Associated Press
MILAN

Scoring three away goals should make Inter Milan feel confident heading into the return leg of its Champions League semifinal against Barcelona on Tuesday.

Inter might not think so, considering Barcelona's ability to conjure goals out of nowhere with the world's best young player in the side.

Inter was 2-0 up after 21 minutes in the first leg, before 17-year-old Spain star Lamine Yamal scored a stunning goal and Barcelona fought back to draw 3-3 at home.

Stopping Yamal is hard enough, but then there's Raphinha – who is merely Barcelona's other Ballon d'Or contender. With his long-range shooting and speedy attacks through the middle or down the flanks, he is a big threat. The Brazilian has 12 goals in the competition, one more than Robert Lewandowski.

No time to rest! Torres will hope to put the game to bed with a goal or two in the second leg of the semifinal. AP

But for all of Barcelona's firepower, the defence remains vulnerable, and coach Hansi Flick is under pressure to make the right calls. He kept Wojciech Szczesny in goal, even though No. 1 Marc-Andre ter Stegen has recovered from a long-term knee injury and played in Saturday's 2-1 win at Valladolid.

Barcelona is looking to win the competition for the sixth time, while Inter seeks a fourth title. Inter won in 2010, beating Barca in a tense semifinal.

Match starts at 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday). Live on Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV

INBRIEF

Advani wins CCI Billiards Classic for third straight year

Pankaj Advani overcame a slow start to clinch his third CCI Billiards Classic title, defeating Dhruv Sitwala 5-2 in the final in Mumbai.

The result: Pankaj Advani bt Dhruv Sitwala 5-2 [10-150 (69, 51), 150(82)-148(95), 81- 150(85), 150(76, 48)-96(46, 42), 150(145)-136(136), 150(84)-147(63, 35), 150(69, 42)-137(48, 36)].

Ferrari and IBM introduce new mobile app experience

Ferrari, as part of its partnership with IBM, has introduced a newly reimagined mobile app experience with the use of AI to give fans access to race summaries, post-race driver and car data, including telemetry, weather, track conditions, session results, car and tire strategies. The new features also allow fans to send messages to the Scuderia Ferrari HP team for the chance to be featured in key team communications, including social media posts, team blogs, and more.

Rutuja-Paige combination wins crown in Lopota

Rutuja Bhosale and Paige Hourigan of New Zealand defeated Shrivalli Bhamidipaty and Alexandra Shubladze 6-3, 6-2 in the doubles final of the $40,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Lopota (Georgia) on Monday. It was the 26th career doubles title for the 29-year-old Rutuja, and the third with Paige.

Abhay clinches Hyder Trophy $12K PSA Challengers title

Top seed Abhay Singh of India clinched the Hyder Trophy $12K PSA Challengers squash tournament in New York on Sunday, beating England's Sam Todd (9/16) 11-8, 10-12, 11-9, 11-7 in the final, for his 11th international title.

Devanga Union posts win over BOSCH

Devanga Union defeated BOSCH in the State B-division basketball league championship for men for the M.C. Srinivasa memorial trophy in Bengaluru on Monday.

The results: Devanga Union 101 (Keerthi 23, Rohan Sangal 20) bt BOSCH 98 (Sudeep 40, Arvind Sharma 16); Bangalore Vanguards 91 (Varun Asnani 23, Avinash Nayak 20, Akshan Rao 17) bt YMMA 72 (Rohith 21, Prashanth Tomar 20, Prabhath Tomar 16).

Former F1 driver Jochen Maas passes away aged 78

Germany's former Formula One driver and Le Mans 24 Hour winner Jochen Mass passed away on Sunday aged 78. His sole win came in Spain in 1975. But he only picked up half points for his success as the race was cancelled. In 1982 he left F1, winning Le Mans 24 Hour race in 1989.

Ruud beats Draper for Madrid Open crown

Casper Ruud defeated Jack Draper 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 on Sunday to clinch the Madrid Open and the first Masters 1000 triumph of his career. "It's been a long time coming," Ruud said. "(This was) one of the really big goals I dreamed about when I was young, so it's an incredible feeling to accomplish it," he added.

And the Miami F1 Oscar goes to... Piastri

The Australian gets his fourth win in six races this season while teammate Norris finishes second to complete McLaren's domination; Mercedes' Russell takes third spot; Red Bull's Verstappen, who started on pole, ends up fourth; Ferrari's Hamilton expresses frustration with his team's tactics

Agence France-Presse
MIAMI GARDENS

Oscar Piastri grabbed his fourth win in six races with victory in the Miami Grand Prix on Sunday as McLaren enjoyed a one-two on the podium to continue its dominant season.

Australian Piastri finished 4.6 seconds ahead of British teammate Lando Norris. George Russell of Mercedes finished third but 37.6 seconds behind.

The victory was the third in a row for Piastri after his triumphs in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

Max Verstappen, who started on pole, finished fourth with Alex Albon of Williams fifth and 18-year-old Italian Kimi Antonelli of Mercedes in sixth.

"I was aware enough to avoid Max in turn one, and from then I knew I had a good pace advantage," Piastri said.

Piastri, who started fourth on the grid, grabbed the lead on lap 14 when Verstappen took the inside line but was too late on the brakes and went wide.

Norris went on the hunt for Verstappen, but by the time he got ahead, after some jousting on lap 17, Piastri had opened up a nine-second lead.

It was another disappointing day for Ferrari, with Charles Leclerc finishing seventh and Lewis Hamilton a place behind.

Hamilton expressed frustration with his team's tactics several times during the race, especially after he was instructed to let Leclerc pass him.

The Briton had a spell in the race when he appeared to be driving quicker than Leclerc and felt he had a better chance of closing ground on Antonelli.

"I'm just burning up my tyres behind him. You want me to just sit here the whole race?" asked Hamilton. When he was finally allowed to pass, three laps later, Hamilton responded: "This is not good teamwork, that's all I'm going to say... in China I got out of the way."

Have a tea break!

He was critical of the time it took the team to make their decisions saying: "Have a tea break while you're at it, come on!" Hamilton was then informed that Carlos Sainz of Williams, the former Ferrari driver, was just 1.4 seconds behind him and responded "You want me to let him past as well?"

The results:
1. Oscar Piastri (McLaren) 1h:28m:51.587s; 2. Lando Norris (McLaren) +4.630; 3. George Russell (Mercedes) 37.644; 4. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) 39.956; 5. Alexander Albon (Williams) 48.067; 6. Kimi Antonelli (Mercedes) 55.502; 7. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) 57.036; 8. Lewis Hamilton (Ferrari) 1:00.186; 9. Carlos Sainz Jr (Williams) 1:00.577; 10. Yuki Tsunoda (Red Bull) 1:14.434; 11. Isack Hadjar (Racing Bulls) 1:14.602; 12. Esteban Ocon (Haas) 1:22.006; 13. Pierre Gasly (Alpine) 1:30.445.
+1 lap: 14. Nico Hulkenberg (Sauber); 15. Fernando Alonso (Aston Martin); 16. Lance Stroll (Aston Martin).
DNF: Liam Lawson (Racing Bulls), Gabriel Bortoleto (Sauber), Oliver Bearman (Haas), Jack Doohan (Alpine).
The standings: Drivers: 1. Piastri 131 pts; 2. Norris 115; 3. Verstappen 99; 4. Russell 93; 5. Leclerc 53; 6. Antonelli 48; 7. Hamilton 41; 8. Albon 30. 9. Ocon 14; 10. Stroll 14; 11. Tsunoda 9; 12. Gasly 7; 13. Sainz 7; 14. Hulkenberg 6; 15. Bearman 6; 16. Hadjar 5.
Constructors: 1. McLaren 246 pts; 2. Mercedes 141; 3. Red Bull 105; 4. Ferrari 94; 5. Williams 37. 6. Haas 20; 7. Aston Martin 14; 8. Racing Bulls 8; 9. Alpine 7; 10. Sauber 6.

A DRIVE THROUGH THE NUMBERS AFTER THE MIAMI JOURNEY
Lights to flag
1 McLaren becomes the first team to secure a Sprint and Grand Prix 1-2 double
1 Piastri wins three races in a row for the first time in his single-seater career
1 Miami remains the only race in the current F1 calendar where Hamilton has not finished on the podium
3 Piastri is the first McLaren driver to win three consecutive races since Hakkinen in 1997-98
4 Piastri is the fourth driver (Hamilton, Rosberg and Verstappen) to win three successive races since 2014 (hybrid era)
4 With a P3 finish, Russell has as many podium finishes (4) this season as he did in the entire 2024 campaign
6 Piastri overtakes Norris (5) for more career wins, in 82 fewer races
20 Mercedes is the second engine manufacturer, after Ford Cosworth, to record 20 podium lockouts in F1
24 Piastri equals Schumacher for the sixth-longest scoring streak in F1
27 Verstappen equals Raikkonen for the fourth-longest scoring run
34 Piastri equals Ricciardo's record for the third-longest finishing streak in F1 history. Only Hamilton (48) and Verstappen (43) are ahead of him
46 Piastri is the first Australian in 46 years (Jones 1979) to win three straight Grands Prix
80 USA is the second country, after Italy (107), to host 80 or more races. Germany and Great Britain have both conducted 79
100 9 of the 11 drivers to first hit 100 points in the turbo-hybrid era seasons have gone on to win the drivers' championship, the exceptions being Vettel (2017) and Leclerc (2022)
Compiled by ANIRUDH VELAMURI

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Swastic Union CC wins first division title

Paras Gurbax Arya starred for Swastic Union CC (1) as it won the KSCA (Group I) first division title for Sir Mirza Ismail shield after overcoming Vultures CC in the final. Vultures was bundled out for a paltry 91. Swastic, in reply, made 284 to secure the first-innings lead and bag the trophy.

The scores (final):
Vultures 91 in 38.1 overs (Paras Gurbax Arya 6/26) drew with Swastic Union Cricket Club (1) 284 in 69.5 overs (Prakhar Chaturvedi 72, Thippa Reddy 38, Anirudh Srinivas 41, Bhimrao Navale 42, K. Shashikumar 28 n.o., Shikhar Shetty 5/83, Abhishek Ahlawat 3/113).

Samarth and Sachin scalp five each

N. Samarth (5/17) and Sachin Shinde (5/55) starred for Vijaya Cricket Club as it beat Engrades Cricket Club by an innings and 34 runs in the KSCA (Group I) second division league.

The scores:
Engrades 38 in 12.4 overs (Lavish Kaushal 5/21, N. Samarth 5/17) & 180 in 38.3 overs (Nihansh Poojary 58 n.o., T. Chiranjeevi 46, Sachin Shinde 5/55) lost to Vijaya 252/8 in 62 overs (Yash Jadhav 35, Aniketh Reddy 45, Abul Hasan Khalid 41, Liyan Khan 64, S.K. Rathod 3/96).
Dooravani Cricketers (1) 224 in 71 overs (M. Shivu 93, B. Vineeth 42, Mahesh Kumar Bangera 3/32, Madhav Bajaj 3/82) drew with Century Cricketers 334/6 in 86.4 overs (Likith Gowda 32, Harsha Wardhan Khuba 130, Rishav Appachu Manavatira 136).
Malleswaram Gymkhana 330 in 66.4 overs (C.R. Kumarswamy 109, Shreyank Sagar 142, Milind Ramesh 4/20) and 32/1 in 2.1 overs drew with Wilson Garden 286 in 75.4 overs (Pavan 34, S. Toufeeq 53, Milind Ramesh 50, Milind Mali 28, Aaryan Santosh 43, Amey Shanbhag 4/119, C.R. Kumaraswamy 5/81).
The Bangalore Cricketers 245 in 73.2 overs (K.B. Shreyas 81, S. Daivik 41, Manjunath 67, Shreevathsa Acharya 6/75) drew with Jawahar SC (1) 315 in 70.2 overs (Amod Kaluve 42, S. Chaitanya 53, Raghuveer 64, Vedanth Iyer 38, S. Vignesh 5/71).
Chintamani Sports Association, Chintamani 130 in 34.1 overs (Saharsh Reddy 25, Arjun Reddy 30, Pranav Aswath 5/41) & 44/7 in 21 overs (Pranav Aswath 4/23, Kazi Abrar 3/0) drew with Modern 313/2 in 63 overs (R. Suhas 156 n.o, R. Shiv 69, Lakshan 62 n.o).
Jupiter CA 220 in 70.2 overs (M. Shashank Reddy 38, Smaran Ramesh 28, P. Gourav 42 n.o, Vaasav Venkatesh 53, Tejas Reddy 5/45, Manik Raj 5/43) & 20/1 in eight overs drew with Whirlwind Cricketers 180 in 61.1 overs (V.L. Suraj 51, Krishav Somasundar 41, S. Sumukha Prasad 47, Ajay Bhide 4/49, P. Gourav 3/32).

Champions: The Swastic Union CC (1) won the 2025 KSCA (Group I) first division title for Sir Mirza Ismail shield. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Easy win for Bangalore Dream United FC

Bangalore Dream United FC defeated FC Deccan 4-1 in the BDFA A-division football league championship on Monday.

The results:
A-div: Bangalore Dream United FC 4 (Jai Hari Barman 24, 86, Nibin Antony 56, K. Lalrinfela 89) bt FC Deccan 1 (Tika Prasad Bhujel 36).
DYES FC 4 (K.R. Bharath Gowda 12, Sharanappa 36, T.M. Moadhan 86) bt Sree Gajanana FC 2 (Jones Muthuraj 45+3, 53).
C-div: Hampinagar FC bt East West FC 6-1.

Samba and Ansh play out goalless draw

Samba FC and Ansh Sports Club played out a 0-0 draw in the KSFA C-division football league Championship here on Monday.

In another encounter, Bangalore Footies FC beat Block Moon FC 5-2.

Sayyed stars in Kreeda Kshetra's big victory

Hyder Ali Sayyed top-scored with 93 as Kreeda Kshetra defeated DPS South by nine wickets in the Tiger Cup U-16 cricket tournament here on Monday.

The scores:
DPS South 197 in 41.4 overs (Rachit Das 47, Viaan Joshi 26, Jaivardhan 3/21, Vikram 3/56) lost to Kreeda Kshetra 198/1 in 24.3 overs (Hyder Ali Sayyed 93, Kush Kumar Jha 78).
Six Cricket Academy 199 in 38.3 overs (P. Ritesh 43, Hruthik Kumar 42, Narsimha Reddy 4/47, M. Tanshh Krishna 3/53) bt Boot Camp 181 in 40.1 overs (A.H. Dhruv 50, Rudransh Somvanshi 45, Chavanth Gowda 27).

MBSG banned from registering new players

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NEW DELHI

The Indian Super League (ISL) winner Mohun Bagan Super Giant has been handed a national ban on registration of new players due to a "technical error" linked to the transfer of Australian striker Jason Cummings.

When contacted, a club official told that it was a minor issue and MBSG will get this sorted within a week.

A discrepancy in FIFA's Clearing House system flagged off a delay or incomplete settlement of the training compensation – an amount owed to the player's former development clubs.

The source said the club has made multiple attempts to clear the amount after the player's transfer, but due to a "technical error," the payment could not be processed, leading to a temporary ban on registration of new players at the national level.

The time has come for Bayern, Kane to celebrate

EURO LEAGUES

Reuters
MUNICH

England striker Harry Kane said it felt sweet to finally end his career-long trophy drought on Sunday, after securing the Bundesliga title with Bayern Munich in his second season at the German club.

The England captain broke a league record two weeks ago with his 60th goal in his first 60 league games for Bayern, and the 31-year-old looks set to become the first player in Bundesliga history to be crowned top scorer in both his first two seasons.

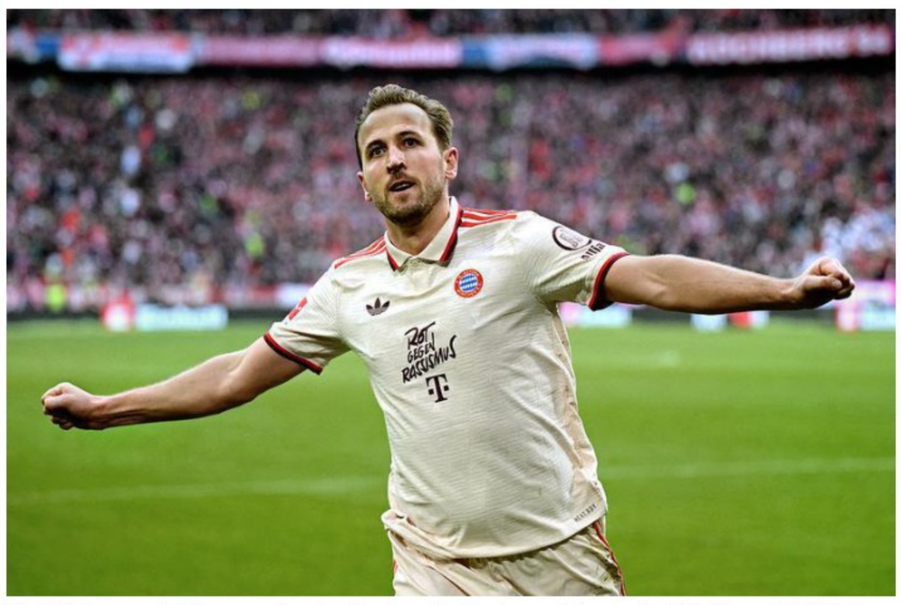
"What a night, what a celebration with the players, with the staff. I'm sure everyone's feeling it a little bit this morning, but we're here," Kane said in a video on Monday.

"I feel amazing, it's been a long time coming, obviously a lot of hard work, a lot of dedication, and it just feels sweet to win the title, the first one of my career.

"I appreciate all the support, as always, it never goes unnoticed, and I can't wait to enjoy these next couple of weeks.

"I can't wait to be at the Allianz Arena on Saturday and celebrate in front of the fans.

"And then, as always, we look forward to the next one, and we go again and try and get number two."


Finally! Kane ended his career-long trophy drought after Bayern's Bundesliga title triumph. REUTERS

Bayern coach Vincent Kompany, too, could not contain his excitement after the club won its 33rd Bundesliga title.

Bayern triumphed after title rival Bayer Leverkusen was held to a 2-2 draw at Freiburg, leaving the leader with an unassailable eight-point lead.

"We can take a moment now to enjoy winning the Bundesliga," said Kompany in a club statement.

"What an incredible feeling! I want to congratulate the players for their outstanding effort throughout the season. You've done this together. You've won it as a team."

In Serie A, Juventus played out a tense 1-1 draw at top-four rival Bologna, as the visitor missed the chance to cement fourth place in the chaotic race for Champions League qualification.

Coach Enzo Maresca was a happy man after Chelsea's 5-1 home win over Liverpool in the Premier League.

"Very important, especially at this stage in the season. I'm very impressed with the players," Maresca said.

Meanwhile, Trent Alexander-Arnold announced on Monday that he will leave boyhood club Liverpool when his contract expires at the end of the season, saying it was the "hardest decision" of his life.

Top results:
LaLiga: Real Sociedad 0 drew with Athletic Bilbao 0.
Serie A: Bologna 1 (Freuler 54) drew with Juventus 1 (Thuram 9); Roma 1 (Dovbyk 45+5) bt Fiorentina 0.